TOWN OF READING.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

Receipts and Expenditures

FOR THE

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,

1899.

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TOWN OFFICERS, 1899–1900.

Selectmen.

GEORGE A. SHACKFORD, *Chairman*,
WILLIAM I. RUGGLES, *Secretary*,
OLIVER L. AKERLEY.

Overseers of the Poor.

WILLIAM I. RUGGLES, *Chairman*,
GEORGE A. SHACKFORD, *Secretary*,
OLIVER L. AKERLEY.

Assessors.

EDWARD F. PARKER, *Chairman* .	Term expires	1902
JOHN H. ADDEN, *Secretary* . .	" "	1901
WILLIAM WALLACE DAVIS . .	" "	1900

Town Clerk.

JAMES REID.

Treasurer.

EDWARD F. PARKER.

Collector of Taxes.

HERBERT M. VIALL.

Auditors.

EDGAR N. HUNT. WALTER M. SCOTT.
ALBERT P. DANE.

Board of Health.

GEORGE F. DOW, *Chairman* . .	Term expires	1901
FRED D. MERRILL, *Secretary* . .	" "	1902
CALVERT H. PLAYDON . . .	" "	1900

School Committee.

WALTER S. PARKER, *Chairman*	Term expires	1902
GILMAN L. PARKER, *Secretary*	" "	1900
MRS. ELLEN M. BANCROFT	" "	1900
HORACE G. WADLIN	" "	1902
MARY L. NESMITH	" "	1901
HENRY C. PARKER	" "	1901

MELVILLE A. STONE, *Superintendent of Schools.*

Water Commissioners.

EDWARD B. DRAKE, *Secretary*	Term expires	1900
CALVIN L. MARTIN	" "	1902
HENRY R. JOHNSON, *Chairman*	" "	1901

Municipal Light Board.

HENRY ROBINSON, *Chairman*	Term expires	1901
A. NEWELL HOWES, *Secretary*	" "	1902
JAMES H. CARLETON	" "	1900

Trustees of Public Library.

HORACE G. WADLIN, *Chairman*	Term expires	1901
CYRUS M. BARROWS, *Secretary*	" "	1902
FREDERIC E. WHITTEMORE	" "	1902
HARLEY PRENTISS	" "	1900
HENRY G. KITTREDGE	" "	1900
J. WOODWARD MANNING	" "	1901

Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery.

GALEN A. PARKER, *Chairman* . .	Term expires	1902
WILLIE E. TWOMBLY . . .	" "	1902
ALFRED W. DANFORTH, *Supt. and Sec.*	" "	1900
ALDEN BATCHELDER . . .	" "	1901
EDWARD F. BROOKS . . .	" "	1901
HERBERT BARROWS . . .	" "	1900

Registrars.

JAMES REID, *Clerk.*

OWEN McKENNEY. JOHN F. TURNER.

WILLIAM S. KINSLEY.

Engineers of Fire Department.

FRANK G. NICHOLS, *Chief.*

CHAS. H. STINCHFIELD, *Clerk.* GEORGE L. PRATT.

Superintendent of Fire Alarm.

L. T. EAMES.

Forest Firewards.

ASA PARKER, *Chairman.*

ALBION G. NICHOLS. MARTIN M. CUMMINGS.

OREN N. JONES. WILLARD A. BANCROFT, *Secretary.*

Constables.

FRED D. MERRILL. HENRY STOCK

Police.

FRED D. MERRILL, *Chief, and Keeper of the Lock-up.*
HENRY STOCK.

Specials.

ARTHUR E. DAVIS.
SAMUEL BROWN.
GEORGE F. GILMAN.
J. HENRY ORR.
EUGENE L. LOVEJOY.
FRANK W. DAVIS.
(Resigned Nov. 25, 1899,)

Superintendent of Streets.

ARTHUR G. EMERSON.

Keeper of Almshouse.

JOHN F. BURNHAM.

Inspector of Plumbing.

GREENLEAF S. TUKEY.

Inspector of Animals and Provisions.

CALVERT H. PLAYDON, M. D. V.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

FRANK W. PARKER.

Burial Agent.

EPHRAIM WIGHT.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1899.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	OCCUPATION OF FATHER
Jan. 5	John Fahey,	M	Michael and Delia McGrath,	Night W'hman.
" 7	Lucie Jane Knight,	F	Eugene F.,Emma L. Mathews,	Brakeman.
" 13	Ida May Graham,	F	William J. and Minerva Hunt,	Woodworker.
" 21	Mildred Bailey,	F	Hugh and Iva L. Stillings,	S. Machine Ag't.
" 27	Nettie Bernice Morrison,	F	Winfield S.andLizzieThurlow,	Shoemaker.
" 28	Hilda Symonds,	F	Burton K.and Alice E.Abbott,	Box M'f'turer.
" 28	Whitman Irving Freeman,	M	James A. and Annie G. Jones,	Clerk.
Feb. 2	Alice Bosson Herbolzheimer,	F	Christ.J.G.E.,Pauline Canter,	Nurse.
" 2	Eunice Little Reed,	F	Herbert A. and Helen Smith,	P'vision Dealer.
" 5	Robert Melburn Heselton,	M	HerbertR.,LottieEmmaHayes	Rubber Worker.
" 11	John Henry Froton,	M	Ambrose and Teresa Muse,	Laborer.
" 27	Stillborn,	F	Elison Smith Robertson,	
Mar. 12	Norman C. Theobald,	M	Alfred N. and Annie Grant,	Clerk.
" 14	Mary Josephine Dunn,	F	JamesP.andJosephineF.Butt,	Rubber Worker.
" 22	John Reuben Dulong,	M	John R. and Mary C. Muise,	Stone Mason.
" 24	Gertrude Lillian Livermore,	F	Henry L. and Stella G. Harris,	Carpenter.
" 28	Helen McGuire,	F	Patrick and Ellen Hayes,	Night W'hman.
" 29	Mildred Louise Stone,	F	IrvingW.and Ardelle Dunton,	Farmer.
Apr. 1	Margaret Elizabeth Galvin,	F	James and Lizzie Fitzgerald,	Rubber Worker.
" 4	Annie May McKillop,	F	John C. and Annie McCall,	Teamster.
" 9	Rose Ann McIntyre,	F	Charles and Jessie Ellis,	Laborer.
" 12	Stillborn,	M	Chas.E. Grover, Amalia Lake-	Mason.
" 12	Hazel Hunter McIntire,	F	Herb't E.,Cora F. Hunter. [man	Shoemaker.
" 15	Mary Elizabeth Robinson,	F	Albert C. and Ivaloo Chase,	R. R. Clerk.
" 18	Earle Ross Hutchinson,	M	Arthur H. and Ella Ross,	Brakeman.
" 19	Paul Joseph Cummings,	M	Dennis F.,Mary Ella Connelly,	Box Maker
" 22	John Albert Muise,	M	James H.and Janie Hubbard,	Fireman.
" 24	Mildred Susan Moses,	F	George W. and Alice R. Fogg,	Bookkeeper.
" 26	Margaret Turner,	F	Thomas and Mary Thornton,	Section hand.
" 27	Joseph William Campbell,	M	James A. and Agnes Flaherty,	Rubber worker.
May 18	Stillborn—Surette,	M	Leon and Lizzie Hubbard,	Stone Mason.
" 21	Joseph Louis Burbine,	M	Ambrose and Agnes Muse,	Painter.
" 21	Joseph Robert White,	M	Joseph and Annie Hurlburt,	Laborer.
" 23	Ruth Hutchinson,	F	George M. and Bessie Briggs,	Silk Cutter.
" 28	Blanche Glennie Fielding,	F	Lester and Addie E. Rudolph,	Carpet Cleaner.
" 29	Benjamin L. White,	M	Edward J. and Annie White,	Teamster.
June 1	Stillborn, Stacy,	F	Wm.Harvey and Alice M.Bur-	Box Maker.
" 1	Simon Joseph Zanni,	M	Angelo & Katie Cuneo, [ditt,	Laborer.
" 1	Gladys Gertrude Cloudman,	F	Everett C. and Carrie E. Wells,	Shoemaker.
" 2	Christine Fife,	F	Truesdell C., Alice C. Horton,	Plumber.
" 3	Nellie Desmond,	F	Daniel J. and Nora Driscoll,	Gardener.
" 7	Madeline Ruth Preble,	F	Oramel B.and Harriet Sawyer,	Clothing Cutter.
" 10	Nellie Watts,	F	Frank A.and Gussie F. Waden,	Fisherman.
" 17	Annie Stella White, twin,	F	Edmund and Sadie White,	Laborer.
" 17	Mary Elizabeth White "	F	Edmund and Sadie White,	Laborer.
" 25	Phylis Cook,	F	Arthur H. and Annie Murray,	Baggage Master.
July 5	Ruth Dorothy Reade	F	Stanley L. and Lena H. Butt,	T'l'g'ph Op'tor.
" 9	Helen Hall Staples,	F	Benj. M. and Grace M. Ladd,	Brakeman.
" 9	Theresa May Ellis,	F	Geo.Lowry,Adel'eF.Hubbard,	Shoemaker,
" 25	Do kendorf Hunt,	M	F.W.and Mab'lG.Dockendorf,	Salesman.
Aug. 5	Harold Wentworth Green,	M	H.H. & Blanche P.Washburn,	Brakeman.
" 12	Hilding Justinus Roseland,	M	Edward & Kristina M.Frisell,	Stair builder.
" 14	John Earl Thompson,	M	John E.&MabelF.Richardson,	Plumber.
" 16	John Thomas Halloran,	M	Martin J. & Margaret Collins,	Laborer.
" 17	Priscilla Davies	F	John W.,Marion F. Lombard,	Com. Merchant.
" 19	Herbert Sherman,	M	Herbert and Alice H. Slocum,	Painter.
" 21	Thomas Joseph Thornton,	M	Thomas and Mary Ferrick,	Section hand.
" 29	Louis Granville Hill,	M	LouisG.and Hattie Ella Oakes,	Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1899.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAMES OF PARENTS	OCCUPATION OF FATHER.
Aug. 30	Joseph Henry Meuse,	M	William and Lizzie Doucette,	Carpenter.
Sept. 2	William Arthur Riley,	M	Thomas and Annie Murray,	Section hand.
" 5	Marion White Litchfield,	F	George S. and Cora Kidder.	Conductor.
" 7	Rachel McFadden,	F	James and Bertha Zwicker	Foreman.
" 15	Sylvestine C. White,	F	Jos. H. and Elizabeth Froton,	Laborer.
" 17	Madeline Rodden,	F	William T. and Mary Wright,	Rail Road Clerk.
" 22	Mary Mabel Muse,	F	Alfred and Mary Muse,	Laborer.
" 26	Viola Richardson,	F	Wm. H. and Maggie E. Carter,	Machinist.
" 30	Stillborn—Bolton,	M	Isaac and Katherine Murray,	Laborer.
Oct. 1	Helena Anna Murray,	F	Philip M.,Margaret D.Curran,	Painter.
" 1	Alberta Frances Hosford,	F	Benj. F. & Annie J.T. Currier,	Carriage Painter
" 3	Elizabeth Nelson Deane,	F	Arthur N. and Dorothy Pierce,	Insurance.
" 4	Louisa Elizabeth Butters,	F	Frank A. and Mabel Jones,	Carpenter.
" 8	Ellen Spillane,	F	Timothy and Mary Murray,	Car washer.
" 9	Rodman James Mellen,	M	William and Annie Melanson,	Plumber.
" 15	Nelson Benton Young,	M	Frank W. and Lillian F. Eames,	Tailor.
" 17	Mabel Helen Doucette,	F	James and Mary E. Hubbard,	Shoe Cutter.
" 18	Frank Sanborn,	M	George F., Mary F. Gamage,	Milk Dealer.
" 21	Lillian Elinor Field,	F	Fred'c M., Lillian F. Hutchins,	Engineer.
" 27		M	Evelyn Chase,	
" 27	Dana Richmond Pulsifer,	M	David and Annie M. Dickie,	Coachman.
Nov. 1	Fred Kimball Fowler,	M	John W. and Lalia W. Kimball,	Brakeman.
" 4	Potter Hodgkins,	M	Wm. H. and Caroline M. Potter,	Plumber.
" 12	Peter Gordon Froton,	M	Simon Peter, Albina Dudivoir,	Shoemaker.
" 17	John Edward Smith,	M	Edward M., Mary L. Denehey,	Plasterer.
" 19	Charles Lindsay Morse,	M	Charles D. and Susie S. Morse,	Box Maker.
" 22	Anna Peabody,	F	Dean and Sarah M. Pearson,	Salesman.
" 26	Florence May Stratton,	F	Charles E. and Carrie A. Sias,	Shoemaker.
" 27	Archibald Francis Robertson,	M	James R., Jessie Archibald,	Farmer.
" 30	Lawrence Alexander Muse,	M	Norman and Agnes Doucette,	Laborer.
Dec. 6	Radcliffe Morse Oxley,	M	J. Clarence and Mazie Morse,	Druggist.
" 11	John Edward Denehey,	M	John E. and Annie Kennedy,	Motorman.
" 16	Helen May Goodridge,	F	Rufus L. T. and Mary A. Galvin,	Drawtender.
" 16	Ruth Josephine Eaton,	F	Irving C. and Julia E. Keefe,	Railr'd Employe.
" 18	Leslie John Haag,	M	Charles J. and Sarah McPhee,	Mill Hand.
" 19	Mary Helen Castine,	F	Simon and Lizzie Muise.	Teamster.
" 22	John Eddy Melanson,	M	William and Lydia Le Blanc,	Carpenter.
" 25	Esther Helena Tucker,	F	Chas. G. and Frances Campbell	Cabinet Maker.
" 25	Edwin Badger Greenyer,	M	Edwin and Alice B. Badger,	Dry Goods Pack'r
" 26	Stillborn,	M	O. F. Washburn, Edith Forman	Traveling.

Whole number of births registered, 98; Males, 45; females, 53. Nativity of parents; American fathers, 51; Foreign, 45; not reported, 2. American mothers. 51; foreign, 47.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1899.

DATE.	NAMES OF BRIDE AND GROOM.	AGE.	OCCUPATION.	BIRTHPLACE.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	BY WHOM MARRIED.
Jan. 19	Timothy Spillane.	31	Laborer.	Ireland,	Patriek and Barbara Crowley,	Rev. James F. McNiff,
	Mary Murray,	27	Domestic,	Ireland,	Patriek and Ellen Sullivan,	Wakefield
" 25	Joseph Clarence Oxley,	37	Druggist,	Pointe De Bute, N. B.,	Joseph and Elizabeth Jones,	Silas L. Morse, Baptist Minister,
	Mary (Morse) Butters,	37		Bridgewater, N. S.,	Thos. A. Morse, Marg'te Oxley	Medfield
Apr. 2	Harry Stone,	24	Coachman,	Joliet, Ill.,	Harry and Anna Welch,	J. E. Millerick, Catholic Priest,
	Blanche McCabe	22	Cook,	Hampton, N. H.,	Michael and Anna Fox,	Wakefield
" 18	Charles E Townsend,	32	Insurance,	Warwick, R. I.,	William and Susan Capron,	Wm. C. Townsend, Pastor
	Lenna B. Ransom,	30	Milliner,	Concord, N. H.,	John D. and Edna M. Smith,	M. E. Church, Greenfield
May 4	Herbert A. Brackett,	27	Salesman,	Dedham,	Gilb't O. & M'y J. Richardson,	Henry H. French, Clergyman,
	Eva P McDougall,	21	At Home,	Wakefield,	Chester W. and Mary P. Dean,	Malden
" 17	James C. Tingley,	49	Porter,	New Brunswick,	Samuel and Nancy Kenney,	R. W. Haskins, Clergyman,
	Lucy A. Ackley.	38	Housekeeper,	New Brunswick,	J'nE.Jamison,Eliz'h Passmore	Reading
June 7	Charles Edward Neville,	25	State Bd. of Agri.,	Woburn,	Ch's. H. & Martha E. Madison	Rev. Charles R Bliss,
	Annie Estella Jess,	24	At home,	Nova Scotia,	Joseph and Sarah E. Huntley,	Cong. Minister, Wakefield
" 7	Victor H. McGuffin,	34	Stenographer,	Ohio-Tuscaruwas,	Olepander and Susan Bogler,	Josiah H. Tilton, Clergyman,
	Louisa French Dobbin,	29	Housework,	Lowell,	Wm. Dobbin and — Crawford,	Reading
June 8	Roy Duffill Jones,	26	Clerk,	Somersworth, N. H.,	John D. and Mary A. Duffill,	J. F. Albion, Minister of the
	Edith Rebecca Hill,	25	At home,	Cambridge,	Chas. H. and Fannie I. McKay,	Gospel, Malden
" 12	Joseph Alfred Gover Webb,	27	Organ Pipe Maker,	London, Eng.,	Jos. G. and Sar'h A. Champion	George W. Skinner, Rector of
	Pauline Cunningham Brown,	21	Neckwear,	Florence,	Clar'ce E., Car'e E. Bradford,	Grace Church, Newton, Mass.
" 14	George Hatch Clough,	23	Bookkeeper,	Exeter, N. H.,	Albert H. and Zetta Currier,	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
	Grace Badger Parker,	25		Reading,	Walter S. & M. Isabel Badger,	Reading
" 27	Albert Mense,	24	Laborer,	Nova Scotia,	Samuel R. and Margaret,	Rev. Wm. T. O'Connor,
	Mary Mense,	20	Domestic,	Nova Scotia,	Maude and Eunice Mulasong,	Assistant Rector, Wakefield
" 27	Jason Elbridge Richardson,	24	Machinist,	Reading,	Jason W. and Mary C. Harnden,	Henry H. French, Clergyman,
	Emma May Brown,	23	Rubber Worker,	Charlestown,	Wm. H., Martha R. McMasters,	Malden
" 28	William Wellington Newhouse,	30	Farmer,	Nova Scotia,	Albert F. and Adelia Ellis,	Charles E. Beals, Minister,
	Margaret Louise Richardson,	19		Reading,	Henry M. and Lydia A. Lewis,	Stoneham
July 12	Charles Albert Damon,	29	Salesman,	Chicago, Ill.,	Geo. H. and Mary F. Marden,	Rev. John Pettengill, Pastor of
	Inez Cook Hall,	23	Bookkeeper,	E. Jefferson. Me.,	Alton J. and Rebecca J. Tobey,	1st Baptist Ch'h, Jefferson, Me.
" 12	William F. Bates,	27	Wheelwright,	Hingham,	L'wis A. & Adelaide Thompson,	Josiah H. Tilton, Clergyman,
	Margaret N. Meffen,	23	Bookkeeper,	Halifax, N. S.,	Robt. and Rebecca Nickerson,	Reading
" 13	Frank Denton Merrill,	20	Bicycle Worker,	Wakefield,	Isaac D., Henrietta S. Hayden,	Josiah H. Tilton, Clergyman,
	Georgie F. F. Morse,	18		Newton,	Emery and Rose McIntire,	Reading
" 18	Alden Batchelder,	62	Retired,	Reading,	Herrick, Rebecca P. Preston,	William C. Merrill, Minister of
	Frances A. (Stott) Parker,	49		Andover,	[Me .Joshua H. & Adeline S. Mason,	the Gospel, Lynn
" 19	Samuel W. Bowker,	45	Contractor,	Southwest Harbor,	Samuel and Elizabeth Eaton,	Webster Woodbury, Clergyman,
	Emma Louise (Reed) Reed,	35		Richmond, Va.,	Rich'd J. Reed, Emma L. Synder	Milton
Aug. 30	Thomas W. Stowers	40	Grocer,	Woburn,	Thos. P. & Maria M. Greydon,	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman,
	Hattie F. (Draper) Henderson,	41	At home,	Bennington, N. H.,	Daniel H. & Harriet B. Draper,	Reading
Sept. 4	George E. Dodge,	38	Telegraph Operator,	Royalton, Vt.,	Hiram S. & Ellen A. Crandall,	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman,
	Mary A. (Wentworth) Washburn	47	House Keeper,	Tunbridge, Vt.,	Jarvis and Nancy Fifield,	Reading

Aug.30	George Franklin Tibbetts, Jr.,	24	Shipper.	Malden,	Geo. F. & Susan E. Cushman,	Henry H. French, Cleryman,
	Blanche Arden Danforth	23	At home,	Woburn,	Frank W. & Emma A. Pierce,	Malden
Sept.11	George A. Boyce,	52	Salesman,	Reading,	Benjamin M. and Delia Pratt,	George N. Green, Justice
	Julia Ardelle, (sometimes called					of the Peace, Stoneham
	Ida Lampro) Livingston,	32	Housekeeper,	Canada,	Zeb Lampro & Julia Didware,	
" 12	Marcellus C. Putnam,	47	Farmer,	Cambridge,	Geo. W. & Mary A. Burdakin,	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman,
	Caroline Potter,	44	Housekeeper,	Beverly,	Ed'd P. & Charlotte K. Roberts	Reading
" 12	Willis Henry Carter,	22	Carpenter,	Wilmington,	Henry L. & Charlotte Ann Bird,	Edward A. Manning, Clergyman,
	Eva Marian Stillings,	23	At home,	Great Falls, N. H.,	Frank P. and Annie M. Head,	Reading
" 28	Justin W. Wilson,	32	Farmer,	Stoneham,	Joseph W. and Adeline Gracy,	Josiah H. Tilton, Clergyman,
	Bertha M. Totten,	29	At home,	Reading,	Robert C. and Mary Knight,	Reading
Oct. 1	Irving M. Wakefield,	19	Musician and Clerk,	Everett,	John F. & Laura A. Seaward,	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman,
	Rosamund E. Tukey,	24	Stenographer,	Melrose.	G. S. and Sarah E. Butman,	Reading
" 4	Arthur Newhall Mansfield,	30	Electrician,	Wakefield,	Albert A. & Carrie E. Newhall,	Frederic J. Gauld, Clergyman,
	Frances Marshall Smith,	24	At home,	Reading,	Frank M. & Anne L. Appleton,	Leominster, Mass.
" 10	Theodore F. Hannaford,	53	Salesman,	N. Y. City, N. Y.,	Henry and Sarah Prince,	Joseph Candlin, Methodist
	Margaret Pierce Clark,	43	Housekeeper,	Winchester,	S. W. Pierce & Margaret Adams	Clergyman, Reading
" 10	Eugene Horace Perley,	38	Proof Reader,	Ipswich,	M. V. B. and Lydia M. Pearson,	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman,
	Eliza Esther Howe,	38	At home,	Boxford,	Edward and Lydia S. Leavitt,	Reading
" 18	George F. Morse,	22	Teamster,	Norway, Me.	Asa F. and Annie D. Foster,	Josiah H. Tilton, Clergyman,
	Vera V. Howard,	19	At home,	Richmond, N. H..	Lorie A. and Rhoda E. Parker,	Reading
" 21	Stephen Everett Harrow,	21	Shoe Finisher,	Woburn,	Stephen & Josephine Hebron,	Rev. C. H. Hickok, Baptist
	Mary Louise Lefave,	24	Rattan Worker,	Yarmouth, N. S.,	John A. and Mary M. Meuse,	Clergyman, Wakefield
" 25	Ernest Dalton Richmond,	30	Physician & Surg'n,	Charlemont,	Lorenzo H. and Dora K. Leach,	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman,
	Bessie Livermore Dewey,	24	At home,	Reading,	Francis H. & Angusta T. Hawes,	Reading
" 25	Peter Edward Donahue, Jr.,	31	Mason,	Medford,	Peter E. and Catherine Joyce,	Rev. J. F. McNiff, Clergyman,
	Catherine Gertrude Barrett,	29	Necktie Maker,	Reading,	Patrick and Hannah Sullivan,	Wakefield
Nov. 1	Alonzo C. Shackford,	19	Salesman,	E. Boston,	George A. and Mary Pinkham,	Charles E. Beals, Minister,
	Effie B. Knights,	21	At home,	Stoneham,	Wm. E. & Hattie Florence Dow,	Stoneham
" 15	Edwin C. Holman,	40	Lawyer,	Lockeford, Cal.,	Gilman C. and Bertha Viett,	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman,
	Mabel F. Harnden,	30	At home,	Reading,	Henry and Emma F. Pearson,	Reading
" 19	Benjamin L. White,	23	Shoemaker,	Stoneham,	Joshua and Mary Doucette,	Rev. J. F. McNiff, Clergyman,
	Mary Clements,	19	Domestic,	Nova Scotia,	Simon and Julia Doncette,	Wakefield
Dec. 20	Edward N. Washburn,	39	Carpenter,	Canaan, Me.,	William and Mary Niles,	Albert P. Davis, Pastor of
	Laura A. Corning,	25	Domestic,	Derry, N. H.,	Frank and Adeline Griffin,	Cong. Church, Wakefield
" 20	Albert M. Lyon,	27	Attorney at Law,	Peru, Vt.,	Mark B. & Addie M. Rideout,	Charles Scott, Minister of the
	Alice M. Elkins,	21	At home,	Natick,	John E. and Eleanor J. Horne,	Gospel, Reading
" 24	Herbert G. Stock,	21	Motorman,	Reading,	Henry A. and Ada L. Beard,	Josiah H. Tilton, Clergyman,
	Annie Maude Henry.	20	Stitcher.	New Brunswick.	James and Annie Linton.	Reading

Whole number of Marriages, 40. Nativity of persons married: American-born, 64—males, 34; females, 30. Foreign-born, 16—males, 6; females, 10. First marriage of 27 males and 29 females; second marriage of 12 males and 10 females; third marriage of 1 male and 1 female. Age—Number of persons from 60 to 70, 1; 50 to 60, 2; 40 to 50, 10; 30 to 40, 19; 20 to 30, 42; under 20, 6.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1899.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.	NAMES OF PARENTS OR HUSBAND.	DISEASE, OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
Jan. 6	George E. Stevens,	49 — —	John and Eliza Barnes,	General Paralysis.
" 11	Charles A. Weston,	73 2 —	Abijah and Sarah Goodwin,	Peritonitis.
" 15	Raymond L. Storer,	3 5 18	Leslie H. and Lilla G.,	Membraneous Croup.
" 18	Mary Elizabeth Mellen,	57 6 6	James Mellen,	Pneumonia.
" 21	Harriet (Nichols) Pratt,	83 — 10	Benjamin F. Pratt,	Pneumonia.
" 24	Mildred Bailey,	— — 3	Hugh and Iva L. Stillings,	Premature Delivery.
" 27	Elizabeth A. (Wills) Proctor,		William Proctor,	Chronic Rheumatism.
Feb. 1	Annie M. (Flood) Morrill,	66 — 14	Hollis A. Morrill,	Pneumonia.
" 3	Horace Hall,	78 8 18	Philip Hall,	Apoplexy.
" 5	John E. Thompson,	29 — 29	Charles W. and Ann Potter,	LaGrippe followed by Pneumonia.
" 6	Mary (Batchelder) Nichols,	70 10 13	William G. Nichols,	Bronchial Asthma.
" 6	Henry W. Milliken,	— 5 —		Tuberculosis.
" 6	Silas W. Goodland,	25 — —		Railroad accident.
" 8	Andrew J. Green,	63 — —	Phineas Green,	Cerebral Apoplexy.
" 12	Mary A. (Bryant) McAlister,	75 2 11	Benjamin McAlister,	Cancer of Liver, and Abscess.
" 12	Horace W. Blanchard,	50 — —	Sylvanus and Mary A. Towner,	Suicide by hanging.
" 13	Clara A. (Armour) Pierce,	44 7 9	George W. Pierce,	Heart failure.
" 14	Lydia (Frost) Hodgdon,	72 6 22	Phineas S. Hodgdon,	Chronic Endocarditis.
" 16	Mary (McIntire) Merrill,	80 8 2	George W. Merrill,	Brights Disease.
" 27	stillborn,		Elison S. Robertson,	
" 28	Albert H. Pillsbury,	22 3 28	David D. and Clara A. Grush,	Phthisis.
Mar. 10	Sally Lewis Goodwin,	80 10 26	Henry W. Goodwin,	Mitral Regurgitation.
" 12	Norman C. Theobald,	4 hours	Alfred N. and Annie Grant,	Asphyxia
" 19	Frank E. Brown,	52 11 —	Newell R. and Nancy Simpson,	Pistol shot wound of Head.
" 20	Mary K. (Knowles) Nowell,	84 2 26	Foster Nowell,	General Debility.
" 24	Laura J. Frost,	74 10 22	William Frost,	Cerebral Hemorrhage.
" 30	Clarence Hembold,	19 — —	William and Isabel,	General Peritonitis.
Apr. 3	Matilda Wakefield,	78 2 20	Caleb and Matilda Poole,	Endocarditis and LaGrippe.
" 7	Fanny S. (Shaw) Wells,	86 9 —	Jacob C. Wells,	Old Age.
" 12	Grover,	stillborn,	Charles E. and Amalia Lakeman,	
" 16	William H. Twombly,	77 1 19	William and Lydia Horne,	Chronic Cystitis, and Neuralgia.
" 16	Esther Bartley,	48 8 4	Robert and Clara Hills,	Neurosis of Heart.
" 28	Alonzo Cary Blethen,	71 8 28	Jonathan and Mary Rideout,	Angina Pectoris.
May 2	Charlotte Sweetser,	— 6 19	Herbert B. and Abbie S. Tarr,	Broncho Pneumonia.
" 4	John Fluke,	65 — —	James and Rosy Haughy,	Apoplexy.
" 6	Martha R. (Raynolds) Temple,	83 6 6	Freegrace Raynolds and Ann Brown,	Cancer of Stomach and Bowels.
" 7	Charles W. Kelley,	48 — —	Augustus S. and Mary C.	Phthisis.
" 13	Lucinda A. (Flint) Nichols,	75 4 13	Edwin P. Nichols,	Cerebral Hemorrhage.
" 16	Henry Deadman,	75 7 18	William and Sally Boutwell,	Chronic Nephritis.
" 18	Surette,	stillborn,	Leon and Lizzie Hubbard,	
" 22	J. Gilman Lovejoy,	73 3 9	Jeremiah G. and Betsey Pratt,	Dislocation and fracture of Spine.
June 1	Stacy,	stillborn,	William H. and Alice M. Burditt,	
" 2	Nettie A. (McIntire) Smith,	35 3 8	James B. Smith,	Peritonitis, Tuberculosis of lungs and bowels.

"	5	Emmanuel P. Dias,	70	—	—	Joseph P. and Gertrude,	Chronic Cystitis.
"	7	Arthur Powers,	1	6	—	Lizzie Powers,	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.
"	10	Jedediah H. Reed,	65	10	8	Lyman and Marcia Harris,	Myocarditis.
"	11	Jessie R. (Ham) Ellinger,	72	1	3		Gangrene of leg, Diabetes Mellitus.
"	19	Louis S. Surette,	1	—	16	Augustus and Louise Muse,	Pus in chest caused by Pleurisy.
"	21	Dennis Lehan,	33	—	—	Dennis Lehan and Mary Murray,	Acute Pulmonary Tuberculosis.
July	17	Elizabeth S. Lloyd,	—	7	28	Frederick A. and Elizabeth S. Graham,	Cholera Infantum.
"	21	William M. Titus,	74	10	26	John S. and Sally Boynton,	Pulmonary Phthisis.
"	22	Katie Cohen,	—	8	11	Esther Cohen,	Enteritis.
"	29	William W. Matthews,	30	11	26	William H. and Charlotte A. Walker,	Phthisis.
Aug.	4	Annie C. Bowen,	41	—	—	John and Jennie Turner,	Paresis.
"	10	Annie Stella White, twin,	—	1	23	Edmund and Sadie White,	Cholera Infantum.
"	18	Mary Elizabeth White, twin,	—	2	1	Edmund and Sadie White,	Cholera Infantum.
"	29	Robert E. W. Atkinson,	—	4	26	Harry H. and Catherine O. Mayo,	Gastro Enteritis.
"	30	John Henry Johnson,	57	7	16	Israel and Rebecca Cook Beckett,	Gastric Catarrh.
Sept.	18	Madeline Rodden,	—	—	1	Wm. T. and Mary T. Wright,	Heart failure.
"	23	Charles L. Flint,	36	1	13	Henry P. and Calista Smith,	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.
"	24	Frances R. (Baker) Pease,	32	4	21	Charles L. Pease,	Leukaemia.
"	26	Caroline M. (Cutting) Temple,	74	—	22	Seth H. Temple,	Fracture of Femur.
"	27	Arthur W. Carr,	65	—	16	John and Ruth Osgood,	Heart Disease and Chronic Diarrhoea.
"	30	Bolton,	stillborn,			Isaac and Catherine Murray,	
Oct.	5	Percy Henry White,	4	8	18	Joseph H. and Elizabeth Froton,	Meningitis.
"	14	Rachel McFadden,	—	1	6	James A. and Bertha Zwicker,	Meningitis.
"	24	Almira R. (King) Russell,	55	1	8	Charles H. Russell,	Carcinoma of Breasts and Stomach.
Nov.	4	Joseph T. Doucette,	—	—	2	Joseph M. and Jessie L. Muse,	Marasmus.
"	5	Mary Jane McCoy,	4	6	13	Richard and Elizabeth Moore,	Infantile Paralysis.
"	6	Carrie A. (Hartwell) Livermore,	58	6	27	George W. Livermore,	Carcinoma of Uterus.
"	13	Emma Josephine (Temple) Thomas,	57	—	20	Charles D. Thomas,	Cancer of Stomach.
"	20	Lura B. (Hall) Moon,	44	2	20	Thomas C. Moon,	Collapse following surgical operation.
"	22	Eliza (Turner) Phelps,	82	6	9	Horace Phelps,	Cerebral Hemorrhage.
"	23	Peter Gordon Froton,	—	—	11	S. Peter and Albina Didware,	Malformation of Heart, Marasmus.
"	26	Sarah M. (Pearson) Peabody,	40	2	23	Dean Peabody,	Acute Lobar Pneumonia.
"	28	Emily Ruggles,	72	4	12	Samuel T. and Almira White,	Myocarditis, Syncope.
"	29	Annie D. (Clough) Southwell,	41	1	8	R. Dana Southwell,	Melancholia.
Dec.	1	Mary J. (Cuts) Flint,	74	—	8	Isaac Flint,	Paralysis Agitans.
"	2	Susan A. (Jenkins) Martin,	82	1	—	Sylvanus Martin,	Chronic Disease of Heart.
"	9	Morris Fitzgerald,	52	—	—		Nephritis (Brights.)
"	11	Elizabeth (Doucette) Surette,	31	—	—	Leon Surette,	Phthisis.
"	12	Lucy H. Damon,	39	3	26	Edgar and Ellen M. Kimball,	Carcinoma.
"	13	Maria Carter,	68	10	12	Samuel and Nancy C. Sanborn,	Cerebral Hemorrhage.
"	18	John T. Robinson,	11	7	22	Geo. A. and Mary E. Spaulding,	Acute Endocarditis.
"	19	Bertha M. (Drown) Elliott,	27	7	10	Frank H. Elliott,	Acute Nephritis.
"	19	George E. Abbott,	49	5	5	Levi and Phebe Lovejoy,	Typhoid Pneumonia.
"	22	Firth Morley,	24	—	—	Richard and Letitia Mount,	Surgical operation for Sarcoma.
"	23	Hannah E. (Bancroft) Palmer,	62	1	26	Joseph B. Palmer,	Malignant Disease of Uterus and appendages.

Whole number of deaths recorded, 88. Males, 39; females, 49. Nativity: American—males, 34; females, 43. Foreign—males, 5; females, 6.

Ages: 80 to 90, 8; 70 to 80, 18; 60 to 70, 7; 50 to 60, 8; 40 to 50, 8; 30 to 40, 7; 20 to 30, 5; 10 to 20, 2; 1 to 10, 5; less than 1 yr, 18; not reported, 1.

DOGS LICENSED IN THE YEAR 1899.

Whole number licenses issued		167
For males, 146 at $2 each	$292 00	
" females, 21 at $5 each	105 00	
	$397 00	
Less fees for 167 licenses at 20 cents each .	33 40	
		$363 60
1899, June 1st, paid J. O. Hayden, County Treasurer	$145 20	
1899, October 2d, paid J. O. Hayden, County Treasurer	175 80	
1899, December 1st, paid J. O. Hayden, County Treasurer	39 00	
1899, December 31st, Balance on hand not paid	3 60	
		$363 60

JAMES REID, *Town Clerk.*

SELECTMEN'S GENERAL REPORT.

For Fiscal Year of 1899—Ending Dec. 31st.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Reading:

Under appropriate headings we herewith submit our annual report:

Street Department.

In this department we have, so far as possible, followed the vote of the last annual Town meeting.

We have laid out and constructed the continuation of Haven Street, formerly known as Howard Place.

Scotland Road and the extension of Prospect Street have been completed.

Grand Street has been extended to Lowell Street, but could not be completed for lack of funds.

We have laid out and constructed Harriman Avenue.

Haven Street has been paved with granite blocks for about 200 feet, and we suggest that another appropriation be made to continue the paving the coming season.

Several new streets have been asked for, reports of which will be presented at the annual meeting.

In October, work was commenced by the Massachusetts Highway Commission on the section of state road in this town covered by their appropriation of $5000; work was discontinued on this road in December, but we have assurances that same will be resumed

in the early Spring, when we shall have a fine piece of road, and we hope, in fact have assurances, there will be more of a similar kind from the same source.

Under the Street Railway Act of 1898 Reading received from the Street Railways operating in this town $728.17, amount due, account of the Franchise and Excise Tax imposed under that Act; $465.81 we have applied on removal of Snow and Highway accounts, as provided in the Act referred to above, leaving a balance of $262.36 available for use in 1900.

Remarks and Suggestions.

We would again call your attention to the fact that good road material is very scarce, and in order to keep our streets in proper repair, some means must be devised to procure proper material for that purpose.

Law Suits Against the Town.

Cases of Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Account of Henry H. Nowell) vs. Town of Reading, and Ipswich Mills vs. Town of Reading are still pending in Court, in charge of the Town's attorneys, and we have nothing new to report.

Grace McKay vs. Town of Reading; Margaret Allen vs. Town of Reading; on the two latter cases we shall ask for your authority at the annual meeting.

In suit of Sarah F. Johnson vs. Town of Reading we have settled same in full by payment of two hundred dollars.

Peoples Gas and Electric Company.

The above named Company has submitted to this Board a proposition, whereby they offer to sell to the Town of Reading for $9000 that part of their plant and franchise which they claim to have in the Town of Reading, and we have inserted in the Warrant for the coming annual meeting an article which will bring the matter before you for your consideration.

Detailed statements of the finances of the several departments are presented on the succeeding pages; they have been carefully compiled and accurately transcribed. We submit them for your approval.

We recommend the following appropriations for the year:

Salaries of Town Officers	$3,300 00
Support of Poor	4,000 00
Soldiers' Relief	800 00
State and Military Aid	2,300 00
Abatement of Taxes	500 00
Printing	500 00
Town Building	250 00
Election Expenses	250 00
Highways, Bridges and Repairs of Sidewalks	5,500 00
Concrete Sidewalks and Edgestones (abuttors paying one-half)	400 00
Concrete Gutters, Crosswalks and Paved Gutters	500 00
Repairs of Concrete	300 00
Removing Snow and Ice	1,200 00
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,500 00
Care and Improvement of the Common, Elm Park and Mayall Park	150 00
Forest Fires	150 00
Interest	400 00

GEORGE A. SHACKFORD,
WILLIAM I. RUGGLES,
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,
Selectmen.

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation, ...		$3,300 00
EXPENDED.		
James Reid, Town Clerk to Jan. 1, 1900 .	$75 00	
James Reid, Clerk Board of Registrars, Jan. 1, 1898, to Jan. 1, 1899 . . .	40 00	
James P. Clement, Salary Selectman and Overseer of the Poor, Jan. 1st, 1899, to March 7, 1899	41 67	
William I. Ruggles, Salary Selectman and Overseer of the Poor, Jan. 1st, 1899, to Jan. 1st, 1900	300 00	
George A. Shackford, Salary Selectman and Overseer of the Poor, Jan. 1st, 1899, to Jan. 1st, 1900	291 67	
Oliver L. Akerley, Salary Selectman and Overseer of the Poor, March 6, 1899, to Jan. 1st, 1900	208 33	
E. N. Hunt, Salary Auditor, 1898 . .	33 34	
W. M. Scott, Salary Auditor, 1898 . .	33 33	
A. P. Dane, Salary Auditor, 1898 . .	33 33	
Geo. L. Flint, Moderator, March 6, 1899 .	10 00	
Henry Robinson, Salary Electric Light Commissioner, Jan. 1, 1899, to Jan. 1, 1900	100 00	
Amount carried forward	$1,166 67	$3,300 00

Amount brought forward	$1,166 67	$3,300 00
A. Newell Howes, Salary Electric Light Commissioner, Jan. 1, 1899, to Jan. 1, 1900	100 00	
J. H. Carleton, Salary Electric Light Commissioner, March 1, 1898, to March 1, 1899	100 00	
C. L. Martin, Salary Water Commissioner, Jan. 1, 1899, to Jan. 1, 1900	50 00	
H. R. Johnson, Salary Water Commissioner, Jan. 1, 1899, to Jan. 1, 1900	50 00	
O. L. Akerley, Registrar, May 1, 1898, to March 6, 1899	25 00	
E. B. Drake, Registrar, May 1, 1898, to March 6, 1899	25 00	
Owen McKenney, Registrar, May 1, 1898, to May 1, 1899	30 00	
Edward F. Parker, Treasurer, Jan. 1, 1899, to Jan. 1, 1900	400 00	
Edward F. Parker, Assessor, 1899	250 00	
John H. Adden, Assessor, 1899	250 00	
Wm. Wallace Davis, Assessor, 1899	250 00	
F. D. Merrill, Secretary Board of Health to Jan. 1, 1900	50 00	
Geo. F. Dow, Board of Health, Jan. 1, 1899, to Jan. 1, 1900	25 00	
Calvert H. Playdon, Board of Health, March 6, 1899, to Jan. 1, 1900	20 83	
Herbert M. Viall, Collector, 1899	391 88	
Harley Prentiss, Collector, 1897	76 92	
Harley Prentiss, Collector, 1898	130 00	
Overdrawn		91 30
	$3,391 30	$3,391 30

TOWN BUILDING AND OFFICE.

Appropriation		$250 00
Francis Bros., step ladder and sundries	$3 65	
C. F. Nickerson, stock and labor	5 00	
W. H. Twombly & Sons, envelopes	75	
W. I. Ruggles, labor	1 25	
First Nat. Bank, check book	3 00	
A. W. Danforth, telephoning	80	
F. E. Merrill, care of building	21 08	
E. C. Metcalf, waste basket and paper	4 00	
Thos. Groom & Co., tax collector's book	6 00	
Reading Water Works, water rates	8 44	
James Reid, stamps and stationery	5 50	
M. F. Charles, stamps and stationery	10 70	
C. M. Barrows, order book	13 00	
H. M. Viall, expressing	45	
American Express Co., expressing	15	
M. R. Warren Co., books and stationery	8 40	
C. L. Martin, coal	88 85	
S. S. Bell, manager, electric light and supplies	48 79	
H. Prentiss, postage stamps	15 00	
Chevasse Pen Co., pens	2 00	
Unexpended	3 19	
	$250 00	$250 00

ELECTION EXPENSES.

Appropriation		$200 00
EXPENDED.		
W. H. Perkins, teller Mar. 6, 1899 . .	$3 00	
W. H. Perkins, election officer Nov. 7, 1899	5 00	
John Connelly, election officer Nov. 8, 1898	5 00	
Geo. L. Flint, election officer Nov. 7, 1899	5 00	
Geo. L. Pratt, teller Mar. 6, 1899 . .	3 00	
Geo. L. Pratt, election officer Nov. 7, 1899	5 00	
J. C. Nichols, teller Mar. 6, 1899 . .	3 00	
J. C. Nichols, election officer Nov. 7, 1899	5 00	
W. S. Kinsley, teller Mar. 6, 1899 . .	3 00	
H. A. Parker, teller Mar. 6, 1899 . .	3 00	
H. A. Parker, election officer Nov. 7, 1899	5 00	
A. S. Tuttle, teller Mar. 6, 1899 . .	3 00	
W. S. Prentiss, election officer Nov. 7, 1899	5 00	
W. F. Eaton, election officer Nov. 7, 1899	5 00	
W. I. Ruggles, election officer Nov. 7, 1899	5 00	
G. A. Shackford, election officer Nov. 7, 1899	5 00	
O. L. Akerley, election officer Nov. 7, 1899	5 00	
C. H. Stinchfield, election officer Nov. 7, 1899	5 00	
S. G. Stewart, election officer Nov. 7, 1899	5 00	
A. W. Danforth, election officer Nov. 7, 1899	5 00	
D. T. Bickford, election officer Nov. 7, 1899	5 00	
F. K. Black, election officer Nov. 7, 1899	5 00	
B. F. Flanders, election officer Nov. 7, 1899	5 00	
E. C. Parker, distributing notices . .	1 30	
Lyceum Hall Asso., rent of hall . .	60 50	
Ephraim Wight, distributing ballots Mar. 6, 1899	3 00	
Amount carried forward	$167 80	$300 00

Amount brought forward	$167 80	$200 00
F. D. Merrill, posting warrants	3 00	
H. Stock, constable Nov. 7, 1899	5 00	
James Reid, preparing tally sheets, etc.	15 00	
Unexpended	9 20	
	$200 00	$200 00

PRINTING.

Appropriation		$500 00
EXPENDED.		
W. H. Twombly & Sons, town reports, extra warrants, and miscellaneous printing	$479 20	
Unexpended	20 80	
	$500 00	$500 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Appropriation		$400 00
EXPENDED.		
Bertha Dole	$9 00	
Harley Prentiss, collector	391 57	
Overdrawn		57
	$400 57	$400 57

ESTATE OF ELIZA C. SWAN.

Balance in hands of Town		$376 29
EXPENDED.		
Cash, fuel, etc.	$338 25	
Unexpended	38 04	
	$376 29	$376 29

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF CHARLES W. KELLY.

Amount due from George E. Horrocks, guardian		$59 90
EXPENDED.		
Danvers Lunatic Hospital, board . .	$59 90	

STATE BURIAL AGENTS' ACCOUNT.

Amount due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts		$70 00
EXPENDED.		
Ephraim Wight, for burial expenses Nathaniel Ingerson	$35 00	
Ephraim Wight, for burial expenses James T. Norris	35 00	
	$70 00	$70 00

SARAH F. JOHNSON *vs.* TOWN OF READING.

(No Appropriation.)

EXPENDED.		
James W. Grimes, att'y, settlement in full .	$200 00	
		$200 00
	$200 00	$200 00

DRINKING FOUNTAINS.

Appropriation		$300 00
EXPENDED.		
Reading Water Works, water rentals, .	$300 00	
	$300 00	$300 00

MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER PLANT.

MAINTENANCE.

Appropriation		$4,500 00
EXPENDED.		
Municipal Light Board	$4,500 00	
	$4,500 00	$4,500 00

INTEREST ON BONDS AND NOTES.

Appropriation		$2,372 50
EXPENDED.		
Municipal Light Board	$2,372 50	
	$2,372 50	$2,372 50

CONSTRUCTION.

Appropriation		$800 00
EXPENDED.		
Municipal Light Board	$800 00	
	$800 00	$800 00

ARC LAMP.

(Main and Pearl Streets.)

Appropriation		$100 00
EXPENDED.		
Municipal Light Board	$100 00	
	$100 00	$100 00

NOTE ISSUED MAY 1, 1896.

Amount raised by taxation . . .		$1,400 00
EXPENDED.		
Edw. F. Parker, treas., note paid by him .	$1,400 00	
	$1,400 00	$1,400 00

REDUCTION MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEBT.

Amount raised by taxation . . .		$1,000 00
EXPENDED.		
Edw. F. Parker, treas., bond No. 5, issue 1894, paid by him	$1,000 00	
	$1,000 00	$1,000 00

SCHOOL HOUSE NOTE.

Amount borrowed on note for five years		$2,000 00
EXPENDED.		
E. F. Parker, treas., note due May 1, 1899, issue May 1, 1896, paid by him . .	$2,000 00	
	$2,000 00	$2,000 00

SCHOOL HOUSE BOND.

Amount raised by taxation . .		$1,000 00
EXPENDED.		
E. F. Parker, treas., bond No. 2, issue Aug. 1, 1895, paid by him	$1,000 00	
	$1,000 00	$1,000 00

INTEREST ON SCHOOL HOUSE NOTES.

Appropriation		$520 00
EXPENDED.		
Susan T. Howard	$200 00	
B. V. French, treas.	120 00	
E. F. Parker, treas., interest paid by him .	195 00	
Unexpended	5 00	
	$520 00	$520 00

INTEREST ON SCHOOL HOUSE BONDS.

Appropriation		$1,560 00
EXPENDED.		
E. F. Parker, Treas., by coupons 1899 paid	$1,540 00	
Unexpended	20 00	
	$1,560 00	$1,560 00

INTEREST ON WATER LOAN.

Appropriation		$2,410 00
EXPENDED.		
Reading Water Works	$2,410 00	
	$2,410 00	$2,410 00

REDUCTION OF WATER LOAN.

Amount raised by taxation . .		$7,000 00
EXPENDED.		
E. F. Parker, Treas., water bonds 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 153 and 154, paid by him .	$7,000 00	
	$7,000 00	$7,000 00

HYDRANT RENTALS.

Appropriation		$3,750 00
EXPENDED.		
Reading Water Works	$3,750 00	
	$3,750 00	$3,750 00

INTEREST.

Appropriation		$600 00
Amount received from First Nat. Bank, int. on deposits		141 25
" " " Julia B. French		1 81
" " premium on note		11 60
" " H. B. Crandall		5 10
" " Tax Collector 1897		929 54
" " Tax Collector 1898		553 72
" " Tax Collector 1899		81 02

EXPENDED.

Discount on four notes $10,000 each, temporary loan	$820 56	
Discount on two notes $10,000 each, temporary loan	552 12	
Discount on one note $5,000, temporary loan	148 95	
O. N. Jones, interest on trust funds	240 33	
A. W. Danforth, interest on trust funds	5 00	
Unexpended	557 01	
	$2,324 04	$2,324 04

STATE AND MILITARY AID.

Appropriation		$2,300 00

EXPENDED.

State Aid.

Sarah J. Bickford	$48 00	
Eben B. Bickford	48 00	
Wm. Bryden	48 00	
Edmund Buxton	36 00	
Marcus M. Bancroft	48 00	
Amount carried forward	$228 00	$2,300 00

Amount brought forward	$228 00	$2,300 00
Wm. H. Baker	28 00	
Marietta Baker	20 00	
Harriet M. Crouch	24 00	
Mary J. Capron	48 00	
David P. Cook	34 00	
Reuben R. Coates	24 00	
John Damon	48 00	
Ellen M. Damon	48 00	
Henry Deadman	20 00	
Sarah A. Deadman	24 00	
Elizabeth W. DeRonde	48 00	
Stillson H. Dow	48 00	
John D. DeRonde	28 00	
Alvin Drake, Jr.	8 00	
Chas. C. Frost	48 00	
Mary P. Goodwin	48 00	
Samuel Goodwin	48 00	
Theo. F. Gould	48 00	
Jacques Gowing	48 00	
Andrew J. Green	4 00	
Richmond Heselton	68 00	
Jonathan Heselton	36 00	
Sarah Hetler	48 00	
Squire Holt	48 00	
Wm. L. Jones	24 00	
Wm. LaClair	36 00	
Clara A. Leathe	48 00	
Jeremiah G. Lovejoy	26 00	
Susan R. Lovejoy	48 00	
Gustavus Loring	24 00	
Amount carried forward	$1,328 00	$2,300 00

Amount brought forward	$1,328 00	$2,300 00
Mary A. McAllister	4 00	
Mary McIntire	48 00	
Wm. H. Mathews	48 00	
Louisa M. Munroe	16 00	
Chas. W. Milbery	48 00	
Sarah M Milbery	28 00	
Horace A. Parker	54 00	
Susan R. Poor	24 00	
Margaret Pinkham	48 00	
Hannah E. Palmer	12 00	
David G. Richardson	48 00	
Susan M. Richardson	48 00	
Wm. H. Sherman	72 00	
Helen M. Sherman	48 00	
Eliza J. Upton	48 00	
Janet C. Varney	48 00	
Geo. A. W. Vinall	48 00	
Harriett B. Vinall	48 00	
Daniel H. Wadlin	60 00	
Marcella Woods	48 00	
ACT 1898.		
Annie Ellis	4 00	
Mary R. Thistle	4 00	
Ottilie F. Stock	4 00	
To be paid by the State	$2,186 00	
MILITARY AID.		
Henry Batchelder	72 00	
George Thayer	120 00	
One-half to be paid by State	$192 00	
Overdrawn		78 00
	$2,378 00	$2,378 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Appropriation		$700 00
EXPENDED.		
Marcus M. Bancroft, rent and fuel . .	$127 08	
Henry Batchelder, supplies . . .	102 00	
William Bryden, supplies . . .	9 95	
Martha Bessey, supplies	48 00	
Charles H. Champney, fuel and supplies .	55 70	
Henry and Sarah A. Deadman, supplies .	64 30	
Elizabeth W. DeRonde, supplies . .	24 00	
Sarah Hettler, rent and supplies . .	69 00	
Susan M. Penney, supplies . . .	12 00	
David G. Richardson, supplies . . .	117 00	
William H. Sherman, rent and fuel . .	127 75	
Lorenzo D. White, supplies . . .	8 00	
A. H. Whitman, burial expenses . .	15 00	
Marcella Woods, rent	24 00	
Janet C. Varney, supplies	54 50	
Overdrawn		158 28
	$ 858 28	$ 858 28

PAID OUT—ACCOUNT TOWN OF NORTH READING.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF ACT.

Amount due from town of North Reading		$5 50
EXPENDED.		
Mrs. Fred C. McIntire and family, supplies	$5 50	
	$5 50	$5 50

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Appropriation	$1,500 00
Amount received for Auctioneers' licenses .	8 00
Amount carried forward	$1,508 00

Amount brought forward		$1,508 00
Amount received for Hack licenses		9 00
" " " Plumbers' licenses		7 50
" " " Old hearse		100 00
" " " Daniel Pratt's Sons		1 00
" " " H. B. Crandall		2 00

EXPENDED.

Metallic Guideboard Co., street signs and guideboard	$ 8 30	
Rosamond E. Tukey, typewriting	4 00	
Solon Bancroft, legal services	3 00	
E. F. Brooks, reporting deaths	17 50	
A. W. Brownell, assessors' blanks	7 52	
Harley Prentiss, postage stamps	3 00	
Fred Hallett & Co., dog licenses and posters	3 50	
Veteran Post No. 194, G.A.R., elec. lighting	50 00	
Byron Bros., corporation returns	6 00	
Frederic Wallace, horse hire	15 75	
C. H. Playdon, salary as inspector of animals and provisions, Jan. 1st, 1899, to Jan. 1st, 1900	150 00	
Johnson & Sherman, painting fence	11 00	
H. Strater & Sons, set sealers' measures	20 00	
J. H. Adden, investigating records	18 00	
Edward F. Parker, expenses treasurer and assessor	11 63	
Old South M. E. Church, care of clock	50 00	
H. G. Wadlin, estimate and drawing for proposed addition to town building	25 00	
Henry Stock, care of flag	10 00	
James A. Bancroft, surveys and plans	21 50	
Amount carried forward	$435 70	$1,627 50

Amount brought forward	$435 70	$1,627 50
W. H. Twombly & Sons, advertising	26 25	
A. G. Emerson, labor on guideboards and ditches,	34 69	
R. B. Nichols, labor on guideboards	4 93	
Samuel Brown, " " "	1 50	
H. S. LaClair, " " "	1 50	
F. Chusong, labor on guideboards and ditches,	9 92	
G. L. Ellis, labor on ditches	7 00	
Martin Halloran, labor on ditches	3 50	
W. K. Pratt, " " "	5 06	
F. Castine, " " "	20 84	
Martin Forbes, " " "	4 47	
Jerry Doucette, " " "	4 47	
J. Ferrick, " " "	2 72	
Alex La Fave, " " "	16 37	
Wm. Carney, " " "	3 50	
E. H. Forbes, " " "	10 35	
David Muse, " " "	4 67	
J. H. Brown, " " "	4 47	
E. F. Wall, " " "	4 37	
Thos. Riley, " " "	8 56	
John Stock, labor	50	
American Express Co., expressing	90	
Cummings Express, "	30	
Boston & Maine R.R., freight on guideboards	25	
C. K. Littlefield, ringing bell	1 00	
C. H. Swain, " "	1 00	
A. P. French, legal services	30 00	
W. F. Welch, trimming trees	8 75	
W. A. Bancroft, trimming trees	33 30	
Amount carried forward	$690 84	$1,627 50

Amount brought forward	$690 84	$1,627 50
D. C. Temple, maple trees . . .	5 25	
C. C. Frost, labor on pump . . .	1 25	
N. W. Broad, labor on fence . . .	10 92	
W. Bancroft & Co., lumber for fence, pipe for ditch, and guide posts . . .	71 16	
Francis Bros., hardware for guideboards, waste barrels, stock and labor . .	6 25	
W. F. Turner, photographing . . .	3 00	
F. W. Danforth, painting waste barrels .	7 82	
W. I. Ruggles, typewriting . . .	2 74	
E. C. Parker, distributing notices . .	50	
A. W. Danforth, stationery and telephone	1 00	
James Reid, recording births, deaths and marriages	68 80	
O. C. B. Nason, reporting births . .	5 25	
E. D. Richmond, " " . . .	3 25	
Geo. F. Dow, " " . . .	3 75	
D. W. Byers, " " . . .	7 00	
Judith Porter, " " . . .	1 50	
	$890 28	

DECORATION AND CARE OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

EXPENDED.

Veteran Post 194, G. A. R. . . .	$175 00	

BOARD OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

EXPENDED.

L. J. Bacigalupo, rent	$16 00	
Mrs. F. H. Manning, rent	80 00	
Amount carried forward	$1,161 28	$1,627 50

Amount brought forward	$1,161 28	$1,627 50
A. Hodson, repairs	9 00	
G. S. Tukey, salary plumbing inspector, year ending Jan. 1, 1900	300 00	
R. P. Burgess, repairs	9 00	
A. J. Bancroft, "	5 51	
J. C. Nichols, safe	5 00	
S. W. Bowker, moving safe	7 00	
E. D. Richmond, medical services	35 00	
F. D. Merrill, expressing and telephone	3 10	
	$469 61	

CARE AND IMPROVEMENT OF COMMON AND PARKS.

EXPENDED.

Reading Water Works, water rentals	$12 00	
Francis Bros., barbed wire	68	
O. N. Jones, fertilizer and labor	13 30	
J. F. Ames, labor, Mayall Park	1 92	
Orne Green, labor	43 00	
	$70 90	

FOREST FIRES.

EXPENDED.

W. A. Bancroft, salary as fire warden, Jan. 1, 1899, to May 1, 1899	$5 00	
Labor at forest fires	14 40	
Estate of Chas. A. Weston, salary as fire warden, May 1, 1898, to Jan. 1, 1899	10 00	
Amount carried forward	$1,635 19	$1,627 50

Amount brought forward	$1,635 19	$1,627 50
A. G. Nichols, salary as fire warden, May 1, 1898, to May 1, 1899	15 00	
O. N. Jones, salary as fire warden, May 1, 1898, to May 1, 1899	15 00	
M. M. Cummings, salary as fire warden, May 1, 1898, to May 1, 1899 . . .	15 00	
Asa Parker, salary as fire warden, May 1, 1898, to May 1, 1899	15 00	
Labor at forest fires	8 75	
C. E. Stratton, labor at forest fires . .	63	
J. M. Pierce, " " " " . .	6 38	
W. F. Welsh, " " " " . .	63	
O. A. Nichols, " " " " . .	1 00	
Geo. H. Bowers, " " " " . .	3 75	
Chas. Kimball, " " " " . .	5 50	
C. P. Weston, " " " " . .	2 00	
Leon Chase, " " " " . .	6 75	
Geo. Lewis, " " " " . .	5 25	
R. A. Phillips, " " " " . .	1 25	
Henry Haag, " " " " . .	1 50	
W. H. Bancroft, " " " " . .	6 00	
A. W. Bancroft, " " " " . .	2 50	
E. P. Bancroft, " " " " . .	4 75	
C. E. Shanley, " " " " . .	2 75	
F. W. Davis, " " " " . .	4 00	
P. Riley, " " " " . .	50	
Jas. Lawn, " " " " . .	2 75	
B. F. Manning, " " " " . .	3 25	
Joe White, " " " " . .	2 75	
Jas. Driscoll, " " " " . .	2 75	
Amount carried forward	$1,770 58	$1,627 50

Amount brought forward	$1,770 58	$1,627 50
A. C. Manning, labor at forest fire . .	7 35	
John Welsh, " " " " . .	2 75	
John Reardon, " " " " . .	2 75	
H. W. Batchelder, " " " " . .	2 13	
M. J. Shannon, " " " " . .	2 75	
Jas. Baxter, " " " " . .	3 25	
Ambrose Froton, " " " " . .	2 75	
T. Riley, " " " " . .	2 75	
T. Murray, " " " " . .	5 25	
A. G. Heselton, " " " " . .	3 00	
W. B. Heselton, " " " " . .	6 50	
H. E. McIntire, " " " " . .	2 75	
Archie Day, " " " " . .	38	
Wm. Dawes, refreshments and coffee .	3 68	
	$212 83	
Overdrawn		$191 12
	$1,818 62	$1,818 62

STREET DEPARTMENT.

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND REPAIRS OF SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation		$5,500 00
Material sold		22 94
A portion of am'nt received from street railways, franchise and excise tax		36 07

EXPENDED.

F. W. Barry, Beale & Co., time book		60	
American Express Co., expressing		45	
Cummings Express Co., "		45	
Geo. Tyler & Co., repairs on road machine, etc.		12 25	
Francis Bros., supplies		45 83	
W. Bancroft & Co., lumber, pipe, etc.		260 28	
F. Wallace, tools and supplies		5 02	
Osgood & Hart, castings		21 00	
Smith & Anthony, castings		6 80	
W. F. Chisholm, ladder		2 00	
E. H. Stevens, storage		4 00	
Mrs. A. M. Barnard, rent		42 00	
Samuel Brown, repairs of tools		1 75	
John A. Blunt, " " "	1898–1899	29 22	
O. O. Ordway, " " "		32 67	
R. C. Totten, " " "		15 31	
Amount carried forward		$479 63	$5,559 01

Amount brought forward	$479 63	$5,559 01
Horton M'f'g Co., repairs of tools	40	
Joseph Breck & Sons, tools	2 10	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight and ties	1 62	
James A. Bancroft, survey and plans	14 50	
Francis Bartley, rubber boots and R. R. tickets, 1898 and 1899	8 05	
Nathan Bancroft, rubber boots	2 50	
W. I. Ruggles, typewriting and postage	60	
T. F. Williams "	3 00	
Mrs. Hannah C. Cochrane, gravel	3 12	
Geo. E. Dow, gravel	3 20	
Wm. E. Wells, gravel	55 62	
E. T. Reynolds, gravel	18 55	
Wm. Carter, gravel	46 86	
Geo. H. Atkinson, gravel	71 70	
J. I. Gleason, gravel	72	
Fred Bancroft, gravel	6 12	
J. F. Burnham, supt., gravel	65 88	
J. N. Weston, gravel	47 52	
Albert Gould, gravel	4 25	
John Muse, labor and team	53 35	
J. B. Nichols, labor and team	100 17	
A. H. Parker, labor and team	18 00	
E. E. Nichols, " " "	113 00	
J. R. Morton, " " "	3 33	
Asa Parker, " " "	81 94	
F. A. Nichols, " " "	83 03	
H. S. LaClair, " " "	157 50	
A. B. Day, " " "	4 50	
W. O. Dockendorff, labor and team	72 00	
Amount carried forward	$1,522 76	$5,559 01

Amount brought forward		$1,522 76	$5,559 01
J. W. Killam,	labor and team . .	147 88	
C. L. Nichols,	" " " . .	50 17	
J. F. Ames,	" " " . .	64 76	
J. McKenney,	" " " . .	60 84	
Z. Lampro,	" " " . .	48 00	
W. A. Bancroft,	" " " . .	274 84	
A. Michelini,	" " " . .	42 17	
H. W. Batchelder,	" " " . .	118 65	
C. C. Green,	" " " . .	67 50	
S. W. Bowker,	" " " . .	92 34	
John Stock,	" " " . .	166 42	
Geo. Lampro,	" " " . .	36 83	
F. W. Davis,	" " " . .	59 50	
Parker Nichols,	" " " . .	81 00	
M. D. Parker,	" " " . .	54 00	
A. G. Emerson,	" " " . .	481 10	
Geo. E. Lang,	" " " . .	66 00	
A. E. Batchelder, gravel, labor and team		. 113 90	
S. P. Burton, Jr., " " " "		. 78 25	
W. H. Killam, gravel and labor		. . 57 87	
E. H. Forbes, material and labor		. . 62 26	
C. C. Frost, " " "		. . 2 65	
Wm. L. Jones, use of team		. . . 44 33	
J. D. Canty, use of team		. . . . 26 58	
Town of No. Reading, labor		. . . 6 00	
J. E. Wilkins, labor		. . . . . 27 03	
Thos. Riley, "		. . . . . 14 00	
R. B. Nichols, "		. . . . . 73 88	
W. E. Coney, "		. . . . . 31 69	
H. Litchfield, "		. . . . . 115 07	
Amount carrried forward		$4,088 27	$5,559 01

Amount brought forward	$4,088 27	$5,559 01
J. H. Brown, labor	68 55	
W. E. Beard, "	16 72	
Martin Forbes, "	140 58	
W. F. Welch, "	77 00	
David Muse, "	83 42	
W. K. Pratt, "	175 01	
D. W. Pratt, "	128 53	
F. Castine, "	147 20	
D. W. McKenney, labor,	1 50	
C. W. Milbury, "	62 61	
Stephen Hadley, "	1 75	
Joe. White, "	12 84	
J. H. White, "	14 58	
F. Chusong, "	173 17	
Willie Johnson, "	14 67	
E. J. Lampro, "	5 25	
Thos. Horne, "	6 61	
Henry Damon, "	97	
Wm. Carney, "	104 03	
Geo. D. Putnam, "	73 70	
Martin Halloran, "	79 34	
F. Lamphrey, "	56 21	
G. W. Allen, "	2 00	
Jacques Gowing, "	3 50	
H. W. Poor, "	21 00	
	$5,559 01	$5,559 01

CONCRETE GUTTERS, CROSSWALKS AND PAVED GUTTERS.

Appropriation		$500 00
Amount received from material sold		2 90
EXPENDED.		
E. H. Forbes, concrete	$198 18	
Wm. Carney, labor, paving	134 56	
A. G. Emerson, labor and team	17 50	
W. A. Bancroft, " " "	11 16	
F. W. Davis, " " "	4 50	
W. J. Moody, " " "	1 67	
W. K. Pratt, labor	1 75	
T. Riley, "	1 75	
W. F. Welch, "	6 22	
David Muse, "	1 75	
Martin Halloran, "	4 28	
Geo. H. Atkinson, broom	75	
Asa Parker, paving stones	53 50	
Samuel Brown, measuring concrete	2 50	
Unexpended	62 83	
	$502 90	$502 90

REPAIRS OF CONCRETE.

Appropriation		$200 00
A portion of amount received from street railways, franchise and excise tax		$295 62
EXPENDED.		
E. H. Forbes, concrete	$488 12	
A. G. Emerson, labor and team	7 50	
	$495 62	$495 62

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS AND EDGESTONES.

ABUTTERS TO PAY ONE-HALF.

Appropriation		$200 00
Amount received from E. H. Forbes .		4 10
" " " W. F. Spinney .		21 68
" " " W. I. Ruggles .		15 38
" " " Jacob Mitchell		22 81
" due from T. J. Babcock .		31 98
" " " J. C. Oxley .		22 56
" " " C. R. Henderson		27 06
" " " L. G. Howard .		112 74
" " " R. P. Burgess .		16 15
" " " W. H. Willis .		45 46
" " " A. D. Gordon .		17 11

EXPENDED.

E. H. Forbes, concrete and edgestone, .	$606 21	
" " blasting	56 10	
A. G. Emerson, labor and team . . .	7 00	
Samuel Brown, measuring concrete and edgestone	1 50	
Overdrawn		133 78
	$670 81	$670 81

HOWARD PLACE.

Appropriation (Loan) . . .		$2,500 00

EXPENDED.

W. A. Bancroft, labor and team . .	$27 50	
A. G. Emerson, " " " . .	103 25	
Amount carried forward	$130 75	$2,500 00

Amount brought forward	$130 75	$2,500 00
Jas. McKenney, labor and team	6 00	
E. H. Forbes, " " "	6 50	
A. B. Day, " " "	87 67	
S. W. Bowker, " " "	5 75	
J. H. Brown, labor	33 25	
W. K. Pratt, "	34 03	
Martin Forbes, "	58 75	
Frank Castine, "	55 44	
F. Chusong, "	39 28	
W. F. Welch, "	8 75	
D. W. Pratt, "	42 39	
Thos. Riley, "	6 42	
M. Halloran, "	30 53	
Simon Clement, "	41 03	
John F. Ames, "	11 00	
H. W. Poor, "	5 25	
J. Doucette, "	3 50	
H. H. Harvey, tool	50	
Ames Plow Co., stone points	2 99	
Boston and Maine R. R., freight	27	
F. E. Newhall, granite	38 40	
Smith & Anthony, castings	3 00	
Osgood & Hart, "	11 00	
Francis Bros., drills, etc.	3 62	
Fred Wallace, lanterns and oil	2 21	
E. C. Metcalf, lantern globes	3 00	
W. Bancroft & Co., drain pipe	36 46	
N. W. Broad, labor and material	9 13	
E. H. Forbes, edgestones	24 87	
Moore & Co., powder and fuse	6 80	
Amount carried forward	$748 54	$2,500 00

Amount brought forward	$748 54	$2,500 00
Cummings Express, expressing . . .	75	
W. L. Jones, use of horse . . .	3 00	
W. Hazen Bancroft, glazing . . .	70	
Wm. Carney, paving	10 02	
O. O. Ordway, sharpening tools . . .	10 00	
J. A. Blunt, " " . . .	7 00	
James A. Bancroft, survey and setting bounds	12 00	
L. G. Howard, land damages . . .	1500 00	
Unexpended	207 99	
	$2,500 00	$2,500 00

$200 still due L. G. Howard.

HAVEN STREET (Paving).

Appropriation (Loan) . . .		$1,000 00
Amount received, discount . . .		1 05

EXPENDED.

A. G. Emerson, labor and team . . .	$19 44	
S. W. Bowker, " " " . . .	11 33	
J. R. Morton, " " " . . .	12 67	
F. Chusong, labor	7 58	
J. H. Brown, "	3 11	
Martin Forbes, "	5 06	
J. Doucette, "	3 31	
J. Ferrick, "	3 11	
A. Zannie, "	7 39	
F. Castine, "	8 08	
W. K. Pratt, "	3 11	
Geo. W. Allen, "	3 50	
Amount carried forward	$87 69	$1,001 05

Amount brought forward	$87 69	$1,001 05
J. Zwicker, labor	3 11	
Wm. Carney, "	9 33	
Jas. A. Bancroft, surveying . . .	6 50	
H. Gore & Co., paving and material . .	887 85	
Samuel Brown, material, labor and measuring paving	3 35	
Unexpended	3 22	
	$1,001 05	$1,001 05

GRAND STREET, HARRIMAN AVE., DRAINING PEARL STREET, AND CULVERT ON CURTIS STREET.

Appropriation		$1,100 00

EXPENDED.

A. G. Emerson, labor and team . .	$142 72	
H. E. Nichols, " " " . .	74 33	
J. Cunio, " " " . .	42 67	
S. W. Bowker, " " " . .	1 75	
A. B. Day, " " " . .	6 00	
W. J. Moody, " " " . .	80 33	
W. E. Coney, labor	34 42	
M. Glynn, "	1 56	
M. Halloran, "	24 11	
J. H. Brown, "	73 50	
Frank Castine, "	4 09	
Wm. Carney, "	5 83	
Martin Forbes, "	3 75	
Alex La Fave, "	49 50	
W. K. Pratt, "	39 87	
Amount carried forward	$584 43	$1,100 00

Amount brought forward	$584 43	$1,100 00
J. F. Williams, labor	44 14	
G. W. Allen, "	50 33	
J. W. Killam, "	28 39	
J. H. White, "	1 75	
W. L. Jones, use of horse	2 33	
E. H. Forbes, granite	18 50	
Moore & Co., powder and fuse	5 00	
Osgood & Hart, casting	33 00	
Francis Bros., sundries	1 00	
James A. Bancroft, surveys and setting bounds	15 00	
Boston and Maine R. R., freight	86	
Cumming's Express, expressing	75	
Heirs of Stephen Foster, land damages	300 00	
Unexpended	14 52	
	$1,100 00	$1,100 00

WAKEFIELD & STONEHAM STREET RAILWAY CO.

Amount received from W. & S. Street Railway Co.		$201 89
EXPENDED.		
Amount expended for removing snow	$201 89	
	$201 89	$201 89

WOBURN & READING STREET RAILWAY CO.

Amount received from W. & R. Street Railway Co.		$120 64
EXPENDED.		
Amount expended for removing snow	$120 64	
	$120 64	$120 64

READING & LOWELL STREET RAILWAY CO.

Amount received from R. & L. Street Railway Co.		$47 66
EXPENDED.		
Amount expended for removing snow .	$47 66	
	$47 66	$47 66

REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE.

Appropriation		$1,200 00
Amount received from John Stock .		1 00
" " " E. H. Forbes .		8 00
" " " City of Woburn		6 54
A portion of amount received from street railways, franchise and excise tax		134 12
EXPENDED.		
W. A. Bancroft, labor and team . .	$36 94	
E. P. Bancroft, " " " . .	29 74	
A. G. Emerson, " " " . .	84 96	
E. H. Forbes, " " " . .	95 04	
F. W. Davis, " " " . .	21 64	
J. F. Burnham, supt, " " " . .	19 49	
John Stock, " " " . .	47 39	
E. E. Nichols, " " " . .	24 28	
C. L. Martin, " " " . .	47 86	
Asa Parker, " " " . .	78 20	
R. B. Nichols, " " " . .	19 06	
H. M. Viall, " " " . .	2 50	
S. W. Bowker, " " " . .	100 60	
Amount carried forward	$607 68	$1,349 66

Amount brought forward	$607 70	$1,349 66
Geo. Lampro, labor and team . .	50 72	
W. Newhouse, " " " . .	26 31	
Parker Nichols, " " " . .	19 95	
H. S. La Clair, " " " . .	30 32	
J. M. Tabbott, " " " . .	30 92	
Alex La Fave, labor	2 92	
Wm. Muse, "	5 26	
J. W. Gleason, "	5 06	
C. F. Totten, "	3 50	
A. Zannie, "	3 50	
Geo. E. Gill, "	3 11	
Reuben White, "	2 53	
J. J. Murray, "	4 67	
Willie E. Johnson, "	3 25	
H. A. Chilson, " . . .	11 09	
E. Ingerson, "	9 34	
Dominique Doucette"	4 47	
Reuben La Fave, "	2 53	
Chas. F. Grover, "	1 75	
C. P. Weston, "	9 15	
Geo. W. Batchelder,"	5 25	
C. Kimball, "	5 06	
Z. Antonio, "	4 67	
T. H. Devine, "	4 67	
J. E. Burnham, labor	7 00	
David Muse, "	5 06	
Hugh Bailey, "	3 31	
Alex Doucette, "	3 21	
Reuben Muse, "	3 21	
J. Zwicker, "	9 50	
Amonnt carried forward	$888 99	$1,349 66

Amount brought forward	$888 99	$1,349 66
C. R. Whittier, "	1 67	
L. Livingstone, "	4 28	
A. F. Austin, "	1 17	
H. Litchfield, "	16 42	
G. L. Flint, "	3 02	
C. S. McIntire, "	4 09	
H. Bowman, "	8 36	
D. J. Desmond, "	4 08	
T. Murray, "	78	
Wm. Carney, "	5 83	
Jerry Doucette, "	3 50	
T. F. Gould, "	1 95	
W. D. Emerson, "	6 23	
E. J. Lampro, "	3 89	
Edwin Webb, "	1 36	
F. Chusong, "	5 65	
A. A. Richardson, "	6 42	
J. W. Killam, "	5 45	
J. Heselton, "	6 22	
Geo. Stratton, "	78	
C. B. Eames, "	3 31	
A. Chick, "	1 75	
Isaac Chase, "	1 56	
Chas. Austin, "	58	
W. E. Beard, "	2 53	
A. L. Hibbert, "	1 07	
D. W. Pratt, "	6 52	
J. E. Wilkins, "	6 12	
Augustus Surette, "	9 24	
Fred Emerson, "	67	
Amount carried forward	$1,013 49	$1,349 66

Amount brought forward	$1,013 49	$1,349 66
H. C. Watson, labor	1 50	
Geo. Lewis, "	1 75	
Ephraim Wight, "	1 40	
W. G. Malonson, "	1 36	
R. H. Gleason, "	87	
H. E. McIntire, "	11 08	
S. E. Harrow, "	11 28	
W. J. Graham, "	9 33	
W. E. Coney, "	8 56	
W. A. Allen, "	7 20	
E. Cloudman, "	7 78	
W. F. Welch, "	7 58	
John Fluke, "	3 50	
P. Burke, "	4 67	
D. J. Wilson, "	4 67	
J. C. Bishop, "	4 86	
Joshua White, "	5 25	
H. C. Davidson, "	5 55	
J. G. Eames, "	5 25	
C. Goodwin, "	3 50	
Peter White, "	3 50	
Ambrose Burbine, "	3 50	
S. McNeil, "	1 75	
T. J. Irwin, "	3 50	
Leon Surette, "	3 50	
Wm. Bryden, "	3 50	
F. W. Lauth, "	1 75	
Henry Lord, "	1 75	
Stephen Hadley, "	3 31	
Sylvine Muse, "	3 41	
Albert Muse, "	3 41	
Amount carried forward	$1,153 31	$1,349 66

Amount brought forward	$1,153 31	$1,349 66
Frank Surette, "	1 75	
Isaac Malonson, "	3 60	
James Doucette, "	5 16	
John White, "	3 41	
L. N. Adams "	3 60	
Peter Surette, "	3 50	
Thos. Horne, "	3 11	
J. H. White, "	3 11	
Joe White, "	3 50	
H. W. Batchelder, "	10 50	
Leonard Buckle, "	3 50	
Albert Sargent, "	2 17	
Fred Smith, "	2 53	
Henry Wakefield, "	2 53	
Jas. McKenney, "	2 43	
Reuben Dulong, "	4 48	
Frank Castine, "	1 75	
John H. Eaton, "	1 56	
W. H. Green, "	5 25	
Frank Webb, "	3 50	
F. C. Thistle "	1 75	
D. Weston, "	5 64	
A. Renning, "	3 50	
N. B. Hawes, "	4 67	
W.O.Dockendorff, "	3 64	
Geo. D. Putnam, "	1 46	
C. E. Shanley, "	7 97	
E. W. Ellinger, "	7 97	
Simon Clement, "	6 81	
Frank Clement, "	6 42	
Thos. Van Horne, "	4 50	
Amount carried forward	$1,278 58	$1,349 66

Amount brought forward	$1,278 58	$1,349 66
Wm. Van Horne, "	3 06	
C. E. Stratton, "	6 81	
E. F. Hannaford, "	5 06	
R. Hannaford, "	9 39	
P. S. Swain, "	2 50	
D. McKenney, "	6 12	
C. J. Nichols, "	7 49	
Boston and Maine R. R., freight . . .	25	
F. Wallace, snow shovel	30	
Francis Bros., " "	35	
Ames Plow Co., plow	15 00	
Samuel Brown, repairs	14 75	
	$1,349 66	$1,349 66

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of the Town of Reading:

The Board of Engineers herewith submit their annual report for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

During the year the Department responded to 16 bell alarms and one still alarm.

The Department consists of:

One Chief Engineer and two Assistant Engineers.

Steamer No. 1, two Enginemen and thirteen hosemen.

Hook and Ladder Truck No. 1, twelve men.

Hose Co. No. 2, fourteen men.

Hose Co. No. 3, Volunteer Company.

Hose Co. No. 4, Volunteer Company.

The apparatus and buildings are in good condition except the boiler on the Steamer, which has been in use since 1883, and must soon be overhauled or replaced with a new boiler.

We repeat our recommendation of last year: that a suitable house be built in the vicinity of the Chestnut Hill School, either on the schoolhouse lot or near that locality.

An urgent demand for fire protection has been received from the residents of that part of the Town called Elmdale, which we believe is a reasonable one, and with a small increase of the regular appropriation we can meet it by replacing the reel at Hill End with a wagon and putting the reel in that district where it will be kept without expense to the town.

We have placed fire alarm box No. 47, voted at the annual meeting, on Summer avenue, near Prescott street, and with the extension of the water pipes to Pine street we thought it was for

the interest of the town to place a box at the corner of Salem and Belmont streets (numbered 45), relocating box 44 to the corner of Salem and Pearl streets. There are several localities where boxes are needed. Especially is this true near the Highland School, and at Middlesex and Bancroft avenues, to cover a large amount of dwelling house property.

The Board would again call the attention of the Town to the necessity of making provision for keeping horses at the Steamer house. As a matter of economy it is worth considering, as outside of their use in drawing the apparatus to fires they could be used to good advantage in watering streets and on the highways about the centre of the Town. If any addition to the Town Building is to be made we believe it should be done with the view of the Town keeping horses in the near future. An article will be in the town warrant to cover these recommendations.

Leonard T. Eames was reappointed Superintendent of Fire Alarm and the system has been well maintained during the year.

While we have had no large fires during the past year, the severe loss at Wakefield on the night of Oct. 23, to which our department responded, should remind the citizens of the necessity of keeping the Department fully equipped for any emergency.

In conclusion we thank the members and all others who have in any way assisted the Department, especially the Reading Rubber Mills for the free use of steam for the fire whistle.

We would recommend for the Fire Department and for care and extension of the fire alarm system the sum of three thousand and four hundred dollars ($3,400) and hydrant rental.

FRANK G. NICHOLS, *Chief*,
GEO. L. PRATT, *Ass't Chief*,
CHAS. H. STINCHFIELD, *Clerk*,

Board of Engineers Reading Fire Department.

READING, Jan. 20, 1900.

REPORT OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM.

To the Board of Fire Engineers of the Reading Fire Department:

I submit the following report.

The fire alarm system is in good working order at the present time. The line from Washington street to the Reading Rubber Mills has been rebuilt. Owing to changes to the roof at the Rubber Mills, the house the whistle machine is in had to be raised and braced. The wires on West, Grove and Franklin streets have been lowered. The tapper at E. Forbes' barn on Woburn street has been changed to his house on Mt. Vernon street and the tapper from W. A. Bancroft's to the Charles Weston place on West street.

The location of box 44 has been changed from the corner of Spring and Salem streets to the corner of Salem and Pearl.

There has been added to the system during the year two new boxes: box 27, Summer avenue, near Prescott street, and box 45, at the corner of Belmont and Salem streets; a tapper in the houses of F. D. Merrill, Chief of Police, and a relay in S. W. Bowker's house. This makes a system of thirty-eight and one-half miles of wire, one repeater and switch board, one steam whistle, two tower strikers, eleven house tappers, four relays, 144 jars of battery, twenty-two boxes, located as follows:

13—Corner of Ash and Avon streets.

15—Corner Summer Ave. and Walnut street.

16—Main, near South street.

17—Lincoln street, near R. R. Depot.

24—Mineral street, opp. Mr. Nash's.

25—Prospect street, opp. E. D. Harris'.
26—Hose 2 House, Woburn street.
27—Summer Avenue, near Prescott street.
28—West street, front of James Dewhurst's.
32—Franklin street, opp. Parker homestead.
33—Lowell street, near Eastern Rubber Mills.
34—Corner Grove and Forest streets.
35—Corner Main and Locust streets.
36—Corner Bancroft Avenue and Locust streets.
37—Main street, front of J. B. Nichols'.
42—Corner Parker and John streets.
44—Corner Salem and Pearl streets.
45—Corner Salem and Belmont streets.
47—Corner Charles and Haverhill streets.
55—Reading Rubber Mills.
62—Corner Main and Haven streets.
63—Congregational Church.

Yours Respectfully,

LEONARD T. EAMES,

Supt. of Fire Alarm.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FIRES FOR THE YEAR 1899.

Date.		Box.	Time.	Owner.	Occupants.	Loss on Building.	Ins.	Ins. Paid.	Loss on Contents.	Ins.	Ins. Paid.	Cause.
Jan.	6	62	11.57 p. m.	Mrs. A. S. Nichols....	W. E. Perkins.....							Incendiary.....
"	9	63	5.05 p. m.	Miss Abbie Clapp.....	A. C. Robinson.....							Children playing fire.
"	27	17	9.10 p. m.	Mrs. Mary Driscoll....	Henry Brooks.....							Sparks from chimney.
Feb.	8	62	6.14 p. m.	William Weston.....	William A. Weston...	$1,500 00	$,300	$1,300	$1,100	$500	$500	Defective chimney....
"	8	62	6.14 p. m.	Chas. F. Nickerson...	Unoccupied.....							Unknown.....
"	9	62	12.10 a. m.	William Weston.....								
Mar.	9	33	11.05 a. m.	Peter White.....	Peter White.....	330 00	400	230	50	None ..		Children and matches.
Apr.	7	47	11.05 a. m.	Mrs. M. Spaulding....	M. Spaulding.....							Sparks from chimney.
"	12	15	9.55 a. m.	Albert W. Doyle.....	Albert W. Doyle	380 00	1,000	380	225	500	225	Defective chimney....
"	13	15	2.40 p. m.	Mrs. C. L. Martin.....								
May	15	25	1.55 p. m.	Jno. B. Dixon.....	Jno. B. Dixon.....	2,961 00	7,500	2,961	100	800	148	Unknown.....
June	12	42	4.40 p. m.	C. F. Nickerson.....	C. F. Nickerson.....	250 00	250	250	250	None ..		Unknown .....
"	19	25	2.05 p. m.	Edward H. Palmer....								
Aug.	23	63	8.50 a. m.	James Wight, heirs...	Mrs. Jas. Wight.....	Needless....						Oil stove.....
Oct.	22	17	1.40 a. m.	E. F. Parker.....	John T. Wall.....	No loss....						Rats and matches.....
"	23	62	2.10 a. m.									Call to Wakefield.....
Nov.	18	still	8.30 p. m.	Horton Mfg. Co.....						No loss		Overheated oven.....

The Department have travelled 124 miles. Laid 10,000 feet of hose. Used 345 feet of ladders. Used 36 gals. chemicals. Served 24 hours.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation		$3,200 00
EXPENDED.		
F. G. Nichols, salary, chief engineer, year ending May 1, 1899	$60 00	
Chas. H. Stinchfield, salary, (clerk) engineer, year ending May 1, 1899 . . .	55 00	
Geo. L. Pratt, salary, engineer, Dec. 1, 1898, to May 1, 1899	20 83	
L. T. Eames, engineer steamer No. 1, year ending Dec. 31, 1899	90 00	
Ora L. Milbury, ass't engineer steamer No. 1, year ending Dec. 31, 1899 . .	76 00	
W. H. Bancroft, steward Hose 2, Oct. 1, 1898, to Nov. 1, 1899	70 00	
E. H. Crowe, steward H. & L. No. 1, year ending May 1, 1899	35 00	
Parker Nichols steward, hose No. 3, year ending May 1, 1899 . . .	30 00	
Firemen's pay roll, May 1, 1898, to Apr. 15, 1899	1,169 51	
W. A. Bancroft, horse service, hose No. 2, year ending Nov. 1, 1899 . . .	75 00	
S. W. Bowker, horse service, year ending Nov. 1, 1899	160 00	
E. H. Forbes, horse service, year ending Nov. 1, 1899	90 00	
A. G. Nichols, horse service, hose No. 3 .	16 50	
C. H. McIntire, " " " " 4 .	21 00	
Borthwick Bros. " "	3 65	
C. H. McIntire, storage of hose No. 4, year ending May 1, 1899	15 00	
Amount carried forward	$1,987 49	$3,200 00

Amount brought forward	$1,987 49	$3,200 00
Geo. B. Stevens, care of hose, year ending May 1, 1899	35 00	
Geo. B. Stevens, cleaning extra hose	19 30	
C. L. Martin, use of horse	1 50	
S. W. Bowker, " " "	15 75	
J. B. Nichols, " " "	1 50	
C. H. McIntire, use of wagon	15 00	
W. A. Bancroft, " " pung	8 00	
W. A. Bancroft, hauling Hose 2 to Wakefield	3 00	
S. W. Bowker, horse service to Wakefield,	16 00	
E. H. Forbes, " " " "	10 00	
C. L. Martin, fuel	112 90	
Reading Water Works, water rentals	14 07	
S. S. Bell, manager, electric light and supplies	15 50	
J. H. Johnson, harness and supplies	135 00	
Geo. H. Atkinson, supplies	5 51	
Geo. M. Stevens, "	12 88	
C. Callahan, "	4 00	
I. H. Wiley, "	2 25	
Fuller, Leonard & Small, supplies	13 25	
Heseltine & Co., "	3 00	
Francis Bros., hardware and labor	42 21	
Boston Coupling Co., supplies and repairs	22 75	
Geo. L. Pratt, labor and supplies	6 96	
W. Bancroft & Co., labor and supplies	67 87	
Henry K. Barnes, two extinguishers	36 00	
" " " supplies	3 85	
Samuel Brown, repairs	25	
Horton Mfg. Co., "	2 51	
Amount carried forward	$2,613 30	$3,200 00

Amount brought forward	$2,613 30	$3,200 00
Fife Bros., Carter & Co., repairs	2 25	
W. H. Twombly & Sons, printing stationery	3 00	
C. K. Littlefield, care of flag	2 00	
O. O. Ordway, repairs	8 35	
Cummings Express, expressing	4 05	
American Express Co., "	1 00	
Borthwick Bros., labor	3 50	
A. T. Perkins, labor	75	
L. T. Eames, "	2 00	
F. G. Nichols "	4 50	
C. H. Stinchfield, stationery, stamps, etc.	1 42	
S. Clement, Jr., services as fireman	8 50	
W. G. Heselton, " " "	1 50	
F. M. Cook, " " "	1 50	
F. W. Cail, " " "	2 00	
J. J. O'Brien, " " "	1 75	
Webster Eames, " " "	8 45	
S. E. Harrow, " " "	6 50	
Thos. Clement, " " "	6 75	
Reading Lunch Room, refreshments	2 00	
	$2,685 07	$3,200 00

FIRE ALARM.

EXPENDED.

L. T. Eames, Supt. Fire Alarm, Jan. 1, 1899, to Jan. 1, 1900	$ 75 00	
Geo. M. Stevens, supplies	211 62	
Beattie Zinc Works Co., supplies	107 50	
Francis Bros., supplies	4 83	
J. H. Johnson, "	1 50	
Amount carried forward	$400 45	$3,200 00

Amount brought forward	$400 45	$3,200 00
W. Bancroft & Co., supplies and labor	34 29	
Fife Bros., repairs	50	
Horton M'f'g Co., repairs	45	
Cummings Express, expressing	5 55	
J. Weasel, labor	50	
F. S. Vermille, labor	30 62	
J. A. Boyd, labor	10 00	
	$482 36	
Unexpended	32 57	
	$3,200 00	$3,200 00

FIRE ALARM BOX NO. 27.

Appropriation		$50 00
EXPENDED.		
Geo. M. Stevens, box and supplies	$48 76	
Unexpended	1 24	
	$50 00	$50 00

NEW HOSE.

Appropriation		$250 00
EXPENDED.		
Eureka Hose Co., 450 feet surprise hose and couplings	$250 00	
	$250 00	$250 00

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF LAUREL HILL CEMETERY.

The Trustees believe they have made a wise expenditure of the money appropriated for Laurel Hill Cemetery.

While without a stretch of the imagination the amount allotted us could not be termed "liberal," satisfactory results have been accomplished.

The general appearance of the Cemetery, we believe, has never been better than during the past year. In addition to the general work of keeping the Cemetery in good repair, paved gutters have been put in where urgently needed, and a portion of the new part near the Highland street entrance levelled, graded and sown to grass.

The Trustees wish to publicly express their feeling of loss in the death of the late Oren N. Jones, whose services in the Cemetery have been invaluable to the Town. They were able to place implicit confidence in his judgment, and by his varied capabilities he was able to accomplish a great deal at minimum expense. It is not probable that he can be fully replaced by any one man.

The Trustees recommend that the sum of $1,100 be appropriated for the coming year. This sum is named after a most conservative estimate of the needs.

GALEN A. PARKER, *Chairman*,
A. W. DANFORTH, *Supt. and Sec'y*,
ALDEN BATCHELDER,
W. E. TWOMBLY,
GALEN A. PARKER,
HERBERT BARROWS,
Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery.

LAUREL HILL CEMETERY.

Appropriation		$900 00
Amount received from sale of lots		160 00

EXPENDED.

Merrick & Adams, shrubs, etc.	$10 00	
W. B. Jeffrey & Co., plants	13 00	
F. Wallace, killweed	1 00	
Francis Bros., hose and tools	12 35	
Osgood & Hart, castings	10 50	
T. Groom & Co., record book for bequests	5 75	
O. O. Ordway, sharpening tools, etc.	4 88	
O. N. Jones, labor, team, etc.	484 35	
J. Zwicker, labor	192 17	
W. S. Hadley, "	101 24	
Stephen Hadley, labor	104 83	
F. J. Hadley, "	19 50	
R. Dulong, "	10 51	
Albert Green, "	20 25	
J. H. Jennings, "	18 00	
W. E. Coney, "	22 50	
H. S. La Clair, "	7 58	
Percy Jeffrey, "	5 00	
A. L. Jones, "	4 00	
Edmund Buxton, "	6 25	
Leon Dyer, "	8 67	
Overdrawn		2 33
	$1,062 33	$1,062 33

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT.

To the Citizens of the Town of Reading:

The Board of Health most respectfully submit the annual report for the year ending December 31, 1899.

Number of cases of Contagious Diseases 48, as follows:

Diphtheria,	9
Measles,	13
Scarlet fever,	23
Typhoid fever,	3

No deaths.

Number of permits to do plumbing, 109

" " " " lay drains, 66

All of the work in this line has, with few exceptions, been done in a very satisfactory manner.

As usual there have been a great number of complaints received of surface drains and the unhealthy condition of cesspools, and we have endeavored to adjust such matters in a careful way, and in most cases the parties have conformed to the rules of the Board when notified thereof.

The Board would recommend to property holders that cellars, vaults, cesspools and drains of all sorts be thoroughly cleansed before warm weather, and thus prevent the occurrence of those forms of illness due to bad drainage, which are so much more easily prevented than stayed.

The Board asks the hearty co-operation of every citizen in the maintenance of the healthful condition of our town, by suggestions of ideas and the report of any and all unsanitary circumstances which may come to their notice.

Your Board is always ready to give advice, so far as able, upon any matter pertaining to the public health. Our plumbing inspector, who is expert in his calling, will be pleased to answer any inquiries pertaining to plumbing, and give advice if wished.

The Board feel grateful to Inspector Tukey for his cheerful disposition in assisting the Board where his duties have not actually called him to do so.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and citizens we extend our hearty thanks for hearty co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. F. DOW, M. D., *Chairman*,
CALVERT H. PLAYDON, M. D. V.,
FREDERIC D. MERRILL, *Secretary*,
Board of Health.

For financial statement see Miscellaneous Account of Selectmen.

Reading, January 1, 1900.

PLUMBING.

To the Honorable Board of Health, Town of Reading:

GENTLEMEN:—I respectfully submit to you the following report of duty performed since Dec. 31, 1898.

There have been 109 permits granted to date. The work has been inspected, tested, and found free from leakage, and left in a satisfactory condition, and in the performance of my duty I have made 259 visits.

I have answered 208 questions relative to plumbing.

There has been one violation of the ordinance rectified by your board.

Found one journeyman without his license renewed. Assisted in the examination of one applicant for master plumber.

I wish to thank the Secretary and other members of the Board, also the craft, for their kind co-operation.

Most respectfully submitted,

GREENLEAF S. TUKEY,

Inspector.

READING, Jan. 1, 1900.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND PROVISIONS.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I wish to submit the following report for the year ending Jan. 1, 1900.

The State Board of Cattle Commissioners having received an appropriation with which to pay for animals condemned as tubercolous, ordered an examination of all cattle, sheep and swine kept within the town limits. They also ordered an examination of the buildings where same were kept, in regard to light, ventilation, drainage, water supply, etc. The examination was completed by Nov. 20, 1899, and all animals which showed evidence of contagion in any way were destroyed. I may also state that previous to the order from the State Board a strict watch had been kept and several cases of contagious diseases of the horse having been found they were destroyed at the owners' loss.

The inspection of meats and provisions now come under the head of Board of Health matters and will be referred to there.

Most respectfully submitted,

CALVERT H. PLAYDON, M. D. V.

Jan. 1, 1900.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1899.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Reading:

Gentlemen:—I have the honor of submitting to you my sixth annual report of the doings of the Police Department, for the year.

Number of arrests	43
Causes of arrest.	
Assault	2
Breaking and entering	1
Bastardy	2
Cruelty to animals	1
Disturbing the peace	2
Disorderly house (keeping)	1
Drunkenness	15
Default	1
False weights (using)	1
Insane	2
Incest	2
Larceny	2
Non-support	2
Neglected children	2
Profane language (using)	1
Railer and brawler	1
Tramp	1
Vagrancy	4
	43

Arrested on Warrants	19
Arrested without Warrants	24
	43
Residents	24
Non-residents	19
	43
White	42
Colored	1
	43
Adults	39
Minors	4
	43
Males	40
Females	3
	43

NATIVITY OF PERSONS ARRESTED.

Canada	1
England	1
Italy	2
Ireland	2
Nova Scotia	1
Scotland	1
United States	33
Russia	1
St. Kitz	1
	43

OCCUPATION OF PERSONS ARRESTED.

Bookkeeper	2
Butcher	1

Chair worker	1
Farmer	1
Gardener	1
Hostler	1
Housewife	3
Junk dealer	1
Laborer	13
Merchant	1
Mason	1
None	6
Rubber worker	1
Stone cutter	2
Student	1
Shoemaker	1
Salesman	1
Tailor	1
Teamster	1
Washer woman	1
Morocco worker	1
Laster	1
	43

DISPOSITION OF CASES.

Defaulted	2	
Fined	14	
Committed for non-payment	3	
Committed on sentence	10	
Committed for grand jury	3	
Discharged	1	
Committed to State Almshouse	2	
Committed to lunatic hospital	2	
Placed on file	8	
Amount of fines imposed		$140 00
Amount of fines paid		118 00

In the case of cruelty to animals the fine of $25.00 goes to the use of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. In the cases of non-support the fines, $20.00, go to the complainant (wife), leaving us a balance of $73.00.

Total of sentences to penal institutions, five years, eight months and ten days.

Accidents reported	4
Assisted home	1
Bicycles found	1
Complaints received and investigated	134
Disturbances suppressed	2
Dead bodies cared for	2
Dogs killed	11
Defective streets and sidewalks found	5
Fires discovered and alarm given	3
Lanterns hung in dangerous places	3
Lost children returned to parents	3
Officers at fires	22
Obstructions removed from streets	6
Stray teams cared for	2
Store doors found open	11
Lodgings furnished	660

It has been my aim to conduct the affairs of the department with prudence and impartiality.

The total number of arrests have been considerably less than in 1898, but that does not show a lesser amount of work. The amount of court receipts have been more than in the previous year. The arrests for drunkenness have fallen off, but the commitments to penal and other institutions have been greater.

Each year there are more calls for police protection, and one or more officers must be sent when a request is made. People are, almost hourly, coming to the office either for advice, inquiry, or to

make a complaint, which of course makes it necessary for someone to be there to give them, if possible, the desired information.

The police department should not be looked upon as a source of revenue, but rather one of expense, and the result judged by the good order and freedom from serious crime.

I believe the laws have been enforced as strictly as possible under the circumstances. There have been cases where we have been satisfied of the guilt of certain parties, but as the required evidence to convict could not be obtained no action was taken.

The town has grown, probably, to about six thousand inhabitants, while our police force remains the same as for many years. The standard, I believe, is one police officer to each one thousand inhabitants, and if this be true we have but one-third the number required. I do not think it good judgment to wait until some great calamity has come upon us before our police force is enlarged.

In conclusion, I desire to extend to your Honorable Board my sincere thanks for timely council and encouragement in the discharge of my duties. Not forgetting the many citizens who have in many ways rendered valuable assistance.

To the Judges and Clerks of the Courts, I will say that I am under great obligations to them for advice and good council during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERIC D. MERRILL,

Chief of Police.

Reading, January 1, 1900.

POLICE.

Appropriation		$1,700 00
Amount received from Master, House of Correction, fines		5 00
Amount received from Clerk of Court, fines		73 00
Amount received services special police		3 25
EXPENDED.		
F. D. Merrill, salary to Jan. 1, 1900 . .	$780 00	
F. D. Merrill, car fare, court fees and miscellaneous expenses	29 68	
F. D. Merrill, use of team	25 00	
Henry Stock, salary to Jan. 1, 1900 . .	765 00	
F. W. Davis, special police . . .	85 00	
A. E. Davis, " "	32 38	
J. H. Orr, " " . . .	19 75	
E. L. Lovejoy, " " . . .	3 75	
John Stock, " " . . .	5 00	
A. H. Clough, " " . . .	6 00	
J. J. O'Brien, " " . . .	4 00	
W. J. Allen, " " . . .	5 25	
F. S. Vermille, " " . . .	14 25	
F. C. Thistle, " " . . .	6 50	
A. T. Perkins, " " . . .	8 25	
W. H. Manning, " " . . .	4 00	
Amount carried forward	$1,093 81	$1,781 25

Amount brought forward	$1,093 81	$1,781 25
W. A. Bancroft, special police	5 00	
Chester McDougal, special police	5 50	
L. T. Eames, special police	2 27	
Samuel Brown, special police	6 00	
Samuel Brown, sundries	1 00	
Copeland & Bowser, blankets	1 37	
Swett & Lewis, lamp	3 80	
Geo. M. Stevens, supplies	12 74	
O. W. Austin, meals for prisoners	8 75	
Wm. Read & Son, badges	4 50	
Francis Bros., supplies	65	
W. B. Tyler, copy of records	2 00	
J. Martin & Son, repairing beds	2 50	
A. W. Danforth, telephoning	5 40	
S. S. Bell, manager, electric light and fixtures	8 58	
Mrs. F. H. Manning, rent (should be charged to Board of Health)	10 00	
Overdrawn		92 62
	$1,873 87	$1,873 87

REPORT OF ASSESSORS.

We respectfully submit the following report of the valuation of estates, real and personal, taxed in the town of Reading, May 1, 1899.

Value of real estate		$3,713,935 00
Value of personal estate not including resident National Bank stock	$676,000 00	
Resident National Bank stock	33,800 00	
Total value of personal estate		709,800 00
Total value of real and personal estates		$4,423,735 00
Increase in value of real estate, 1899	$67,294 00	
" " " " personal estate, 1899	312,002 00	
Total increase		$379,296 00
Value of buildings, excluding land		$2,312,324 00
Value of land, excluding buildings		1,401,611 00
Number of polls, May 1, 1899	1,465	
" added since	4	
Total	1,469	
Increase in 1899	24	
Number of horses	444	
" " cows	366	
" " sheep	3	
" " neat cattle	61	

Number of swine	32	
" " fowls	6,120	
" " dwelling houses	1,169	
Increase in dwelling houses	14	
Acres of land	5,734	
Total number of persons assessed on property	1,488	
Number of persons assessed for poll tax only	637	
Total tax assessed on polls and property May 1, 1899		$80,351 07
Total tax assessed on polls since		8 00
Non resident National Bank tax		283 50
Street railway excise tax		191 82
Supplementary taxes Dec. 16, 1899		1,239 00
Total taxes assessed in 1899		$82,073 39

Rate of taxation $17.50 per thousand.

EDWARD F. PARKER,
J. H. ADDEN,
W. WALLACE DAVIS,
Assessors of Reading.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

HARLEY PRENTISS, *Collector*

To Town of Reading

Dr.

To uncollected taxes	1896	$25 40	
" " "	1897	9,096 82	
" " "	1898	26,019 07	
" additional assessm'ts	1897	228 87	
" abated taxes collected	1897	4 00	
" interest on taxes	1897	929 54	
" " " "	1898	553 72	
			$36,857 42

Cr.

By cash paid Edward F. Parker, treasurer, on account of taxes 1896	$25 40	
By cash on account of taxes 1897	10,259 23	
By cash on account of taxes 1898	17,647 62	
By uncollected taxes 1898	8,925 17	
		$36,857 42

HARLEY PRENTISS,

Collector.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

H. M. VIALL, *Collector*,

In Account with the Town of Reading.

Dr.

To committed list of taxes for 1899 .	$80,634	57
To additional " " " " " .	8	00
To Excise Tax, Street R'y " " .	191	82
To supplementary list Dec. 16, " .	1,239	00
To interest collected on taxes " .	81	02

Cr.

By cash paid E. F. Parker, Treasurer, Excise Tax	$ 191	82
By cash paid E. F. Parker, Treasurer, account taxes 1899	55,325	00
By uncollected taxes for 1899 . . .	26,637	59
	$82,154 41	$82,154 41

Reading, Jan. 6, 1900.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Reading:

We respectfully submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1899:

ALMSHOUSE.

Total number of inmates	8
Died during the year	2
Number discharged	2
Number at present time	4

Sickness and death during the year have caused a material increase in the expenses, which we regret but could not avoid. The expenditures on account of this branch of our department were still further increased by our being obliged, or rather we believed it to be good business judgement, to add to our live-stock, purchase a new harness and otherwise replenish the stock and fixtures in order to keep the Almshouse and Farm in first class condition, thereby placing the Superintendent and Matron in the position to make a good showing in the way of receipts, which expense is offset by a handsome increase over the previous year in the value of personal property at the Almshouse, shown in another part of this report.

The very able manner in which the Superintendent and Matron have handled the many trying cases with which they have had to deal during the year calls for our hearty commendation; and we

believe from the reports we have received from citizens who have called on them at various times that the public is appreciative as well.

POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

During the year we have partially supported fifty-four persons properly dependant upon the town and entirely provided for nine inmates of Insane Hospitals.

In order to reduce, if possible, the expense of this part of our work, we would recommend that the Overseers of the Poor be instructed to employ a town physician at a stated salary, the expense to be charged to the regular appropriation. For detailed statement of the receipts, expenditures and appropriation we respectfully refer you to same in succeeding pages of this report.

WM. I. RUGGLES,
GEORGE A. SHACKFORD,
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,
Overseers of the Poor.

ALMSHOUSE.

Horace W. Blanchard, died Feb. 12, 1899	Aged 49 years.
John O. Dane	" 79 "
Morris C. Fitzgerald, admitted Feb. 16, 1899, died Dec. 9, 1899	" 53 "
James Hunter	" 56 "
Henry W. Weston	" 51 "
Susan S. Williams	" 72 "
James S. Wyatt, admitted Jan. 19, 1899, discharged March 27, 1899	" 75 "
Edwin E. Merrill, admitted Aug. 7, 1899, discharged Aug. 31, 1899	" 39 "

PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE.

Live stock	$477 00
Hay and grain	218 70
Wagons and sleighs	198 00
Fuel	102 70
2 Snowplows	20 00
Spraying apparatus	14 50
2 Oil tanks	4 50
3 Pumps	13 00
Manure	53 50
Barrels and boxes	19 97
Harnesses, blankets, etc.	87 00
Farming tools and implements	172 20
Household furniture and utensils	565 01
Provisions and supplies	161 51
	$2,107 59

ALMSHOUSE.

Amount received from sale of milk		$468 50
Amount received from sale of eggs		36 68
Amount received from sale of fowls		16 35
Amount received from sale of calves		19 25
Amount received from sale of vegetables		26 80
Amount received from sale of wood		10 45
Amount received from sale of fruit		7 78
Amount received from sale of old matting		1 00
Amount received from sale of gravel		65 88
Amount received from box		10
Amount received for labor, removing snow		19 49
Amount received for labor, plowing		50
Amount received for spraying trees		18 22
Amount received for baiting horse		15
Amount received for police duty		12 00
Amount received for witness fees		7 55
Amount received on account of H. W. Blanchard		2 51
Amount received pension due J. A. Hunter, on account of brother		24 78
Amount received for board W. F. Burnham,		117 50
Amount received for board J. E. Burnham,		61 50

EXPENDED.

John F. Burnham, salary	$499 98	
John F. Burnham, sundries	40 40	
Extra labor	7 52	
Sprayer	1 25	
Plowing and harrowing	1 50	
Clothing	2 25	
Amount carried forward	$552 90	$916 99

Amount brought forward	$552 90	$916 99
Milk jars and stoppers	4 75	
Paper and envelopes	95	
Straw matting	4 95	
Pigs	6 00	
Borthwick Bros., hack service	1 25	
E. F. Brooks, burial expenses of H. W. Blanchard	58 00	
W. A. Hunter, repairing shoes	2 00	
N. Bancroft, shoes	4 00	
W. H. Willis, medicines	13 10	
C. D. Wells, horse shoeing	9 50	
Standard Chemical Co., Soaposo	11 27	
J. H. Johnson, harness, blankets and repairs	44 90	
C. W. Learned & Co., disinfectant, etc.	18 00	
Mary Burbine, wages	43 59	
Annie Bourgue, wages	101 97	
Lizzie Weischman, wages	6 00	
C. L. Martin, fuel	108 09	
W. Bancroft & Co., fuel, lime, etc.	23 61	
Geo. Adams & Co., repairs on wagon	28 85	
O. O. Ordway, shut off wrench	1 00	
C. H. Swain, wood	5 78	
O. N. Jones, hay	6 00	
James J. H. Gregory & Sons, garden seeds	7 34	
W. J. Moody, cow	50 00	
E. E. Nichols, ice	15 42	
F. Parker Shoe Co., shoes	1 50	
A. W. Danforth, medicines	14 90	
F. Wallace, grain and groceries	278 47	
G. H. Atkinson, grain and groceries	226 28	
Amount carried forward	$1,650 37	$916 99

Amount brought forward	$1,650 37	$916 99
W. H. Mears, grain and groceries	100 03	
Reading Co-operative Ass'n, grain and groceries	184 95	
A. S. Tuttle, meats and provisions	111 86	
Berry & Rich, " " "	35 78	
H. A. Reed, " " "	3 58	
F. W. Davis, " " "	6 67	
W. H. Nichols, Ag't, meats and provisions	54 49	
E. L. Chamberlain, groceries and provisions	5 98	
R. L. Smith, meat and provisions	12 82	
Wm. Taylor, " " "	17 00	
J. F. Trask, fish	34 29	
H. E. Eames, meat and provisions	10 73	
H. A. Wright, dry goods	4 36	
F. G. McDonald, dry goods	6 52	
E. L. Lovejoy, dry goods	23 00	
Francis Bartley, clothing	4 60	
Francis Bros., hardware, stock and labor	40 65	
Reading Water Works, water rentals	28 80	
Reading Water Works, laying pipe to barn	27 55	
W. F. Cook, stock and labor	7 00	
W. Hodson, whitewashing and painting	3 50	
Samuel Brown, repairs	1 50	
R. H. White & Co., garden hose	17 00	
Estate G. W. Robinson, grass	8 00	
A. D. Kingman, grass	3 00	
B. Y. Smith, grass	18 50	
Est. Mrs. B. F. Adams, grass	19 00	
J. H. Adden, grass	5 00	
S. E. Claggett, grass	16 50	
Amount carried forward	$2,463 03	$916 99

Amount brought forward	$2,463 03	$916 99
Cummings Express, expressing	2 20	
T. J. Brown, outside windows and doors	16 25	
H. F. Damon, labor	4 50	
Frank Castine, chopping wood	15 00	
E. C. Metcalf, crockery and glassware	8 94	
R. C. Totten, repairing mowing machine	1 31	
W. S. Parker, milk	6 10	
Rev. J. Millerick, expense burial of Morris C. Fitzgerald	9 00	
C. Wakefield, service of bull	3 00	
C. H. Playdon, professional services	1 50	
C. R. Henderson, " "	13 50	
E. D. Richmond, " "	81 50	
D. W. Byers, " "	7 00	
A. P. French, legal services	3 00	
Carried to poor account		$1,718 84
	$2,635 83	$2,635 83

POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Wm. H. Burnham, supplies and medical attendance	$205 65
James A. Doucette and family, supplies	4 60
Julia Doucette, supplies	3 50
Geo. H. Daland and family, supplies	5 32
John H. Daland and family, "	65 71
W. T. Eames, rent and supplies	167 45
Edith Fielding, board	77 50
Harry L. Fielding, board	169 45
May Josephine Freeman and family, rent and supplies	231 33
Amount carrried forward	$930 51

Amount brought forward	$930 51	
Morris C. Fitzgerald, board	17 43	
Charles L. Haag, fuel and supplies	55 48	
Frank L. Johnson and family, supplies	11 20	
Geo. O. Kelley and family, supplies	62 75	
Frank Lamphrey and family	21 00	
James Melendy's family	11 85	
Miscellaneous expenses	15 40	
Everett C. Parker, rent and supplies	144 08	
Geo. E. Russell, supplies	20 00	
John J. Shannon and family, supplies	52 71	
Margaret Sullivan, fuel and medical attendance	65 45	
Elmira Weston, fuel and supplies	87 50	
Henry W. Milliken, burial services	10 00	
Sarah A. Jones, supplies	73 23	
		$1,578 59

HOSPITAL ACCOUNT.

EXPENDED.

Danvers Insane Hospital.		
Ernest Heselton, board	$169 45	
Mary P. Foley, "	169 46	
Sumner McAllister, board	169 47	
Olive P. Roundy, "	169 48	
Annie M. Skillings, "	30 07	
Geo. E. Stevens, "	2 79	
Worcester Insane Hospital.		
Henry S. Buck, board	169 46	
Taunton Insane Hospital and State Boarding House.		
Alice S. Isbell, board and clothing	180 76	
Westboro Insane Hospital.		
Fred O. Pook, board and burial expenses	9 82	
		$1,070 76

TRAMP ACCOUNT.

Fred Wallace, crackers, coffee and sugar .	$14 63	
Carried to poor account . . .		$14 63

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In account with the Town of Reading.

Amount due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts		$13 45
EXPENDED.		
W. H. C. Banfill and family, supplies and fuel	$10 00	
Mary Toney, supplies and fuel . . .	3 45	
	$13 45	$13 45

PAID ON ACCOUNT TOWN OF NORTH READING.

Amount received from Town of North Reading		$95 55
Amount due from Town of North Reading,		18 50
EXPENDED.		
Charles S. McIntire and family, fuel, supplies, and medical attendance . .	$54 65	
James B. Smith and family, fuel, supplies, and medical attendance . . .	59 40	
	$114 05	$114 05

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF CITY OF WALTHAM.

Amount received from City of Waltham .		$69 13
Amount due from City of Waltham . .		24 00
Amount carried forward		93 13

Amount brought forward		$93 13
EXPENDED.		
Mrs. F. A. Carey, supplies	$93 13	
	$93 13	$93 13

SUMMARY.

Appropriation		$3,600 00
EXPENDED.		
Net expenses at Almshouse . . .	$1,718 84	
Poor out of Almshouse	1,578 59	
Hospital account	1,070 76	
Tramp account	14 63	
Overdrawn		782 82
	$4,382 82	$4,382 82

TOWN OF READING.

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT

...OF THE...

Water Commissioners

For the Year Ending December 31, 1899.

OFFICERS OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT.

Commissioners.

HENRY R. JOHNSON, *Chairman* .	Term expires	1901
CALVIN L. MARTIN	" "	1902
EDWARD B. DRAKE	" "	1900

Superintendent and Registrar.

LEWIS M. BANCROFT.

Engineer at Pumping Station.

FRANK F. STROUT.

Assistant Engineer.

ERNEST JOHNSON.

OFFICE OF WATER BOARD.

Room 2, Masonic Block.

OFFICE HOURS.

Daily, 8.30 to 11 A. M., 2.30 to 4 P. M.

Monday and Saturday, 7.30 t o9 P. M.

To the Citizens of Reading:

The tenth annual report of the Board of Water Commissioners is respectfully submitted.

Attention is called to the item listed "Lime House," in the Construction Account, amounting to $740.69. This expenditure was made for the purpose of constructing an apparatus for feeding lime into the aerator automatically. This work has been done by an attendant, and has required his almost constant attention and presence, at an outlay of $547.50 annually.

The vote of the Town relative to the extension of the mains on Walnut street has been carried out at a cost of $1,195.20.

It has been impracticable to extend the main along Franklin, Haverhill and Wakefield streets, but soon as practicable this extension will be made, to conform with the vote of the Town of Nov. 7, 1899.

MAINTENANCE.

Received rent for office		$25 20
Fines and summons		10 00
Paid Lewis M. Bancroft, salary	$1,200 00	
Greenough, Adams & Cushing, blank books	3 00	
F. N. Dockendorff, labor	107 15	
Reading Masonic Temple Corp., rent	120 96	
S. S. Bell, manager, electric lights	15 94	
Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., rent	10 00	
N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co.	36 45	
Car fares, etc.	9 75	
Engineering Record	5 00	
Sheppard & Burnham, Fire and Water	3 00	
G. A. Winchester, voucher record	23 50	
Amount carried forward	$1,534 75	$35 20

Amount brought forward	$1,534 75	$35 20
Francis Bros.	8 06	
S. M. Spencer & Son, rubber stamps	3 27	
W. H. Twombly & Sons, printing	30 25	
C. L. Martin, coal	3 10	
John Nilsson, labor	50	
Peter Surrette, labor	50	
Chas. McIntire, labor	50	
Chas. H. Stinchfield, labor	21 00	
M. E. Bancroft, clerk	16 00	
Lydia A. Holden, clerk	61 50	
E. H. Forbes, horse	1 50	
Geo. D. Putnam, labor	21 00	
Harley Prentiss, envelopes and stamps	31 60	
American Express Co., express	2 05	
F. A. Warren, repairing stand pipe foundation	11 25	
Folding Paper Box Co., case	14 35	
W. Bancroft & Co., coal and lumber	3 74	
Geo. H. Atkinson	50	
R. A. White, horse hire	10 50	
The Bristols Co., charts	1 67	
Mechanics Savings Bank, sign and glass	2 41	
Dennison Mfg. Co., envelopes	3 75	
Balance		$1,748 55
	$1,783 75	$1,783 75

PUMPING STATION—MAINTENANCE.

Received for rent of house		$135 00
Paid Frank F. Strout, engineer	$1135 29	
Guy Cowperthwait, engineer	58 40	
Amount carried forward	$1,193 69	$135 00

Amount brought forward	$1,193 69	$135 00
Wm. H. Killam, fireman . . .	204 00	
John Nilsson, labor	9 75	
E. H. Forbes, horse	5 50	
Peter Surrette, labor	10 59	
Alfred Muse, labor	10 50	
Peter White, labor	75	
Jos. White, labor	1 50	
Chas. McIntire	2 25	
A. J. Warren, repairing boiler furnace	14 58	
A. W. Chesterton & Co., packing .	4 50	
E. H. Forbes, sand	1 00	
N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co. .	54 52	
Francis Bros., ...	10 95	
H. M. Viall, express	4 60	
Valve repairs, etc.	3 58	
Edward Kendall & Son, boiler repairs	38 20	
C. A. Claflin & Co., oil waste and packing	47 84	
F. J. Dibble, record sheets . .	8 00	
S. S. Bell, manager, electric lights .	9 40	
Hartford Steam Boiler Insurance and Inspection Co.	100 00	
Wendell Bancroft & Co., coal . .	642 47	
Walworth Mfg. Co., fittings . .	9 94	
Jenkins Bros., valves . . .	1 19	
Gould & Cutter, paint . . .	3 30	
Geo. H. Atkinson, oil and soda . .	4 80	
C. M. Kimball, polish . . .	3 00	
Chadwick Lead Works, lead . .	2 58	
Braman, Dow & Co., fittings . .	1 48	
Amount carried forward	$2,404 46	$135 00

Amount brought forward	$2,404 46	$135 00
L. M. Bancroft, insurance	113 83	
F. J. Dibble, repairing gauge	13 67	
Geo. F. Blake M'f'g Co., valve springs	28 83	
Garlock Packing Co., polish	1 50	
Knowles Steam Pump Works, springs	1 60	
B. & M. R. R., freight	59	
Geo. E. Gill, carpenter work	2 75	
J. A. Murphy, repairing clock	2 00	
O. O. Ordway, iron work	1 50	
C. L. Martin, coal	20 25	
Eagle Oil & Supply Co.	2 80	
Perrin, Seamans & Co., barrow and hammer	6 63	
J. A. Blunt, repairing tools	1 70	
E. C. Metcalf, duster and mops	1 65	
Parker Nichols, labor	1 50	
American Express	2 00	
Balance		2,472 26
	$2,607 26	$2,607 26

FILTER MAINTENANCE.

Received for barrels, lime, etc.		$4 10
Paid Ernest Johnson, labor	$668 50	
John Nilsson, "	3 00	
Alfred Muse, "	6 75	
Jos. White, "	3 75	
Chas. McIntire, "	3 00	
Peter Surrette, "	2 25	
Samuel B. Eames, "	22 50	
E. H. Forbes, horse	1 50	
Amount carried forward	$711 25	$4 10

Amount carried forward	$711 25	$4 10
B. & M. R. R., freight	39 93	
N. Y. Filter M'f'y, agitator arms and sand	51 38	
Globe Gas Light Co., torch	6 00	
American Express	65	
R. A. White, teaming lime and alum	30 00	
Cling Surface M'f'g Co., belt dressing	3 00	
Horton M'f'g Co., machine work	1 57	
F. Bartley, rubber mittens	1 25	
H. M. Viall, express	50	
J. A. & W. Bird & Co., acid	4 04	
Balance		845 47
	$849 57	$849 57

METER MAINTENANCE.

Received for repairs		$21 00
Paid H. M. Viall, express	4 10	
American Express Co.	2 60	
R. A. White, horse	3 00	
National Meter Co., repairs	111 53	
Chandler & Farquhar, drill	3 24	
F. N. Dockendorff, labor	68 75	
Geo. D. Putnam, labor	9 00	
Balance		181 22
	$202 22	$202 22

SERVICE PIPE MAINTENANCE.

Received for repairs		$6 40
Paid F. N. Dockendorff, labor	$23 75	
Electric car fares	25	
Amount carried forward	$24 00	$6 40

Amount brought forward	$24 00	$6 41
Francis Bros.	5 63	
R. A. White, horse hire	12 00	
John Nilsson, labor	6 38	
Geo. D. Putnam, labor	75	
Dennis Leary, "	75	
Willis Whipple, "	1 50	
Alfred Muse, "	7 50	
Leon Surrette, "	4 50	
Chas. McIntire, "	1 13	
E. H. Forbes, horse	50	
Balance		$58 23
	$64 64	$64 64

INTEREST.

Received interest on deposit in bank		$28 66
" " " bonds sold		40 65
" hydrant rent		3,750 00
" appropriation for interest		2,410 00
" " drinking fountains		300 00
Received from receipts for water		2,010 69
Paid Interest on bonds	$8,540 00	
	$8,540 00	$8,540 00

MAIN PIPE.

Paid Boston & Maine R. R., freight	$159 03	
S. W. Bowker, teaming	6 88	
H. M. Viall, express	3 15	
Walsworth M'f'g Co., gate boxes	29 58	
R. A. White, horse	7 50	
Amount carried forward	$206 14	

Amount brought forward	$206 14	
Chadwick Lead Works, pig lead .	14 77	
Moore & Co., laying pipe . . .	1,481 46	
U. S. Cast Iron Pipe and Foundry Co.	1,141 74	
Builders, Iron Foundry . . .	40 17	
Chapman Valve Mfg. Co. . . .	351 64	
E. H. Forbes, teaming . . .	4 00	
Warren Foundry & Machine Co., pipe	864 58	
American Express Co. . . .	3 64	
F. N. Dockendorff, labor . . .	12 50	
John Nilsson, labor . . .	11 62	
Chas. McIntire, "	10 12	
Geo. Ellis, "	5 25	
Alfred Muse "	10 50	
Leon Surrette, "	6 00	
Peter Surrette, "	2 25	
Jos. White, "	4 12	
Geo. D. Putnam, "	7 12	
E. H. Forbes, horse	3 00	
	$4,180 62	

SERVICE PIPES.

Received for pipes laid . . .		$987 54
Paid F. N. Dockendorff, labor . . .	$37 85	
Geo. Ellis, labor	3 00	
Peter White, "	32 33	
John Nilsson, "	314 29	
Chas. McIntire, "	284 88	
Alfred Muse, "	169 56	
Leon Surrette, "	10 50	
Peter Surrette, "	86 55	
Amount carried forward	$938 96	$987 54

Amount brought forward	$938 96	$987 54
Jos. White, "	111 17	
Geo. D. Putnam, labor . . .	62 63	
Angelo Zanne, "	76 67	
W. E. Coney, "	2 50	
J. F. Ames, "	2 50	
Jos. Frotton, "	25 33	
Ira Gadboys, "	6 00	
Jas. Ferrick, "	11 17	
Frank Surrette, "	21 50	
Thomas Riley, "	52 66	
E. H. Forbes, horse	161 50	
Peter Castine, labor	18 25	
Francis Bros.	13 13	
Car fares	7 05	
O. O. Ordway, repairing wagon . .	40 00	
American Express Co. . . .	5 50	
H. M. Viall, express and freight .	14 97	
Walworth Mfg. Co.	113 48	
Geo. H. Atkinson, oil, etc. . . .	6 66	
R. A. White, horse	52 50	
Merrill Hutchinson, painting wagon .	12 00	
W. Bancroft & Co., coal . . .	3 50	
Lead Lined Iron Pipe Co., pipe . .	630 25	
Chadwick Lead Works . . .	4 10	
Braman, Dow & Co., pipe . . .	683 52	
E. M. Dart Mfg. Co., stops. . .	82 80	
W. H. Vinton, washers . . .	1 15	
S. W. Bowker, teaming . . .	3 25	
Horton Mfg. Co., labor . . .	45	
W. H. Twombly & Sons, printing .	1 75	
The Sumner & Goodwin Co. . .	66 80	
Amount carried forward	$3,233 70	$987 54

Amount brought forward	$3,233 70	$987 54
B. & M. R. R., freight	1 18	
Chapman Valve Mfg. Co.	17 30	
D. H. Nichols, pipe	5 00	
J. H. Johnson, repair of harness	1 25	
O. O. Ordway, sharpening tools	33 20	
American Powder Mills	11 50	
H. K. Austin, pipe and labor	15 47	
F. Bartley, boots and blanket	11 00	
Perrin, Seamans & Co.	10 24	
H. Mueller Mfg. Co.	2 00	
J. A. Blunt, sharpening tools	6 68	
Balance		$2,360 97
	$3,348 52	$3,348 52

METERS.

Paid O. P. Symonds & Co., milling	$3 30
S. W. Bowker, teaming	75
F. E. Crafts, meter	11 00
E. H. Forbes, concrete	2 66
American Express Co.	75
R. A. White, horse	15 75
H. M. Viall, express	1 70
W. Bancroft & Co., lumber	9 00
W. H. Vinton, washers	65
National Meter Co., meters	880 50
Walworth Mfg. Co., fittings	16 25
F. N. Dockendorff, labor	5 00
Geo. D. Putnam, labor	12 00
	$959 31

LIME HOUSE.

Paid Chandler & Farquhar	$8	60
H. M. Viall, express	7	99
M. F. D'Arcy & Co., door and window frames	10	50
John Muse, foundation	52	64
S. D. Hicks & Son, floats	2	00
American Stave & Cooperage Co., tank	18	00
Sumner & Goodwin Co., fittings	3	90
Francis Bros., hardware	13	85
Geo. E. Gill, labor	41	59
R. P. Burgess, brick work	67	00
Boston and Maine R.R., freight		77
O. O. Ordway, labor	1	65
W. N. Gray, slater	61	78
G. H. Atkinson, oil		70
W. Bancroft & Co., lumber	44	83
C. E. Kimball & Son	95	00
The Lockwood Mfg. Co.	29	00
Eagle Oil and Supply Co., belt	40	72
Perrin, Seamans & Co., pump, etc.	35	66
Grant Gear Works	25	30
Boston Bolt Co., bolts	13	25
L. M. Ham & Co., iron	5	55
Walworth Mfg. Co.	56	11
American Express Co.	2	30
S. B. Eames, labor	96	25
John Nilsson, "		75
C. McIntire, "		75
Alfred Muse, "		75
Jos. White, "	1	50
Peter Surrette, "	1	50
E. H. Forbes, horse		50
	$740	69

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Cash balance from 1898	$55 28	
Bonds sold	8,000 00	
Premium on bonds	1,027 90	
Accrued interest on bonds sold	40 66	
Interest on deposits	28 65	
Appropriation for interest	2,410 00	
Hydrant rent	3,750 00	
Drinking fountains	300 00	
Office rent	25 20	
House rent	135 00	
Service pipe repairs	6 41	
Meter repairs	21 00	
Barrels and lime sold	4 10	
Fines and summons	10 00	
Meter rates	7,708 02	
Service pipes	987 54	
Interest		$8,540 00
General Maintenance		1,783 75
Pumping station Maintenance		2,607 26
Filter Maintenance		849 57
Meter Maintenance		202 22
Service pipe Maintenance		64 64
Main pipe		4,180 62
Service pipe		3,348 52
Meters		959 31
Lime house		740 69
Cash on hand		1,233 18
	$24,509 76	$24,509 76

SUMMARY OF COST OF PLANT.

Reported last year	$244,131 16
Main pipe	4,180 62
Service pipe	2,360 95
Meters	959 31
Lime house	740 69
	$252,372 73

The Board recommends that the Town raise and appropriate $3,930 for hydrant rental, $300 for water for drinking fountains and $2,470 for interest, and appropriate $2200 from receipts for water, all to meet the interest on the water loan, as follows: Interest on $216,000, Jan. 1, 1900, to July 1, 1900, $4320; on $209,000, July 1, 1900, to Jan. 1, 1901, $4180; on bonds required to carry out the Vote of the Town for extensions on Franklin, Haverhill and Wakefield streets—($10,000)—$400, $8900 in all.

The Board recommends that $1000 be raised and appropriated for service pipes and that $5,500 be appropriated from receipts for maintenance.

Respectfully,

HENRY R. JOHNSON,
CALVIN L. MARTIN,
EDWARD B. DRAKE,
Water Commissioners

REPORT OF REGISTRAR.

Amount of water bills rendered	$7,763 82	
" abated	166 46	
Earnings of department	$7,597 36	
Total amount collected		$7,405 08
Uncollected		192 28
		$7,597 36

Collected 1898 bills		$302 94
Service pipe bills rendered 1899 . .	$1,189 62	
" " " collected		804 14
Uncollected		385 48
		$1,189 62
Collected on old bills		$183 40

LEWIS M. BANCROFT,
Registrar.

READING, Dec. 31, 1899.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Reading Water Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the usual custom I herewith submit my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1899.

The extension of mains has been 5,414 feet of six inch pipe, as follows: Highland street 180 feet, Lowell street 514 feet, Main street 84 feet, Salem street 2,110 feet, Summer avenue 924 feet, Walnut street 1602 feet. Five hydrants and eight gates have been set in the above named streets. One hydrant has been set at the corner of Green and Elliott streets and one on the grounds of the Middlesex East Agricultural Association. There have been no leaks in the main pipes during the year. Eight gate boxes have been lowered.

There were ninety services added during the year, making a total of one thousand and eighteen. One service has been lowered, eighty-one service boxes have been lowered and seven dug up and repaired. There have been three leaks in service pipes, all from defective solder joints.

The following table will show the amount of service pipe in use.

	6 inch Cast Iron.	1¼ inch Enamelled.	1¼ inch Galvanized.	1 inch Galvanized.	1 inch Lead Lined.	¾ inch Lead Lined.	1 inch Cement Lined.	¾ inch Cement Lined.	2 inch Galvanized.	¾ inch Galvanized.
Owned by the town.		33-7	9019-8	135-6	870-8	16220-3	367-1	10198-11	1662-2	1294
Owned by individuals.	354	122-10	289	17-6	50	16775-2	78	12677-6	303-6	547
Total.	354	156-5	9308-8	153	920-8	32995-5	445-1	22876-5	1965-8	1841

There are 917 meters in use of the following kinds and sizes.

No.	Name.	Sizes.				
		2 in.	1½ in.	1 in.	¾ in.	⅝ in.
78	Crown	.....	.....	.....	1	77
34	Lambert	.....	.....	2	.....	32
433	Nash	.....	2	3	.....	428
201	Empire	1	.....	.....	.....	200
4	Gem	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
12	Thompson	1	.....	1	.....	10
3	Worthington	1	.....	.....	.....	2
110	Hersey Disc	.....	2	2	.....	106
1	Neptune	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
11	Union Rotary	3	1	2	.....	5
29	Columbia	.....	.....	.....	.....	29
1	Niagara	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
917		11	5	10	1	890

YEARLY RECORD OF PUMPING SERVICE

From Jan. 1, 1899, to Jan. 1, 1900.

Month.	No. Days.	No. Hours.	No. Min.	Gallons Pumped.	Total Head.	Pounds Coal.	Rain Fall.
January	31	127	45	3,287,971	240	34,476	4.
February	28	124	45	3,328,100		32,704	3.26
March	31	132	30	3,489,859		33,278	6.48
April	30	137		3,590,618		28,732	2.56
May	31	160	45	4,198,736		32,457	1.33
June	30	213		5,872,156		42,312	3.36
July	31	174		4,812,174		35,817	3.15
August	31	176	15	4,637,759		34,649	1.91
September	30	125	15	3,755,028		28,963	4.67
October	31	126	30	3,585,572		28,670	1.35
November	30	123	30	3,576,888		28,413	2.95
December	31	128	45	3,837,131		32,190	1.50
	365	1,750	00	47,971,392		392,661	36.52

By comparing the amount of water pumped and coal burned this year with that of 1896, it will be seen that 24,762,868 gallons less water was pumped and 59 tons less coal burned in 1899. This saving should be credited to the meter system, but this is not all that should stand to the credit of that system. Had water been used in the same proportion that it was in 1896, it would have been necessary to have put on extra men at the pumping station to run the pumps day and night from May 1 to Oct. 1, at an extra expense of $10 per day, and I doubt if our supply would have stood the heavy draft day and night for five months. Under the meter system every taker has had all the water they needed, and the supply has been ample and will be for many years to come. I have taken the year 1896 for comparison because it is the last year of drouth, and other conditions are nearly like those of this year. Had I taken the year 1893 the saving in water pumped would be increased about 8,000,000 gallons.

Table showing amount of rain and melted snow in inches for the year ending Dec. 31, 1899.

Day of Month.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Day of Month.
1	.71	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1.10	....	1
2	....	....	....	....	.56	....	....	....	.46	....	.04	.04	2
3	....	....	.63	....	.01	....	....	....	.03	....	....	....	3
4	....	.93	.22	....	....	....	....	....	.01	....	.69	.01	4
5	....	....	.52	....	....	....	....	.16	....	....	....	....	5
6	....	.01	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6
7	.83	....	.65	....	....	....	.07	....	....	.33	....	....	7
8	....	.57	....	.80	....	.21	....	....	.08	....	....	....	8
9	....	....	....	....	....	....	1.35	....	....	.17	....	..	9
10	....	....	....	....	....	....	.01	....	....	....	....	....	10
11	....	....	....	....	.05	....	....	1.11	.11	....	....	.01	11
12	....	.20	....	....	....	....	....	.01	....	....	1.00	....	12
13	....	.58	....	.10	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.15	13
14	.33	.62	....	.07	.10	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	14
15	.21	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.52	15
16	....	....	1.00	....	....	.61	....	....	....	.01	.09	....	16
17	.74	....	....	.62	....	....	.10	....	....	....	....	....	17
18	....	....	....	....	.01	....	.02	....	....	.47	....	.02	18
19	....	.23	1.15	....	.03	....	....	....	....	.01	....	....	19
20	....	....	.34	....	....	.01	....	....	2.63	.15	....	.20	20
21	....	....	....	....	.12	.64	....	....	....	....	....	....	21
22	....	....	....	....	.10	....	....	.02	.47	....	.03	....	22
23	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.52	....	.05	....	....	23
24	....	....	1.37	....	....	....	....	.03	....	....	....	....	24
25	1.18	....	....	.01	....	.58	....	.04	....	....	....	.55	25
26	....	....	.20	.96	....	.23	1.27	....	.10	....	....	....	26
27	....	.12	....	....	....	....	.02	....	.06	....	....	....	27
28	....	....	....	....	.03	....	.11	....	....	.09	....	....	28
29	....	....	.30	....	.07	1.08	....	....	....	.02	....	....	29
30	....	....	....	....	.25	....	.20	.01	.72	.05	....	....	30
31	....	....	.10	....	....	....	....	.01	....	....	....	....	31
	4.00	3.26	6.48	2.56	1.33	3.36	3.15	1.91	4.67	1.35	2.95	1.50	

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF WATER FROM FILTER GALLERY OF READING WATER WORKS. (Parts per 100,000.)

No.	Date of		Appearance.			Odor.		Residue on Evaporation.	Ammonia.		Chlorine.	Nitrogen as		Oxygen Consumed.	Hardness.	Iron.	Per Cent. of Iron Removed.	
	Collection	Examination.	Turbidity.	Sediment.	Color.	Cold.	Hot.		Free.	Albuminoid.		Nitrates	Nitrites					
	1899	1899																
25883	Jan. 9	Jan. 10	Decided iron	Heavy iron.	.60	None.	F'ntly unpls.	8.50	.0080	.0120	.41	.0010	.0000	.54	2.8	.2150		Unfiltered
25884	Jan. 9	Jan. 10	Very slight.	None.	.29	None.	None.	16.00	.0012	.0106	.41	.0050	.0012	.40	9.9	.0080	96.27	Filtered
26136	Feb. 6	Feb. 7	Decided iron	Cons. iron.	Filt. .70	None.	F'ntly unpls.	8.30	.0088	.0116	.40	.0030	.0001	.51	2.7	.2350		Unfiltered
26137	Feb. 6	Feb. 7	Slight.	None.	.27	None.	None.	15.00	.0034	.0108	.43	.0030	.0004	.36	9.0	.0200	91.06	Filtered
26418	Mar. 8	Mar. 9	Decided iron	Heavy iron.	T'rb'd .65	None.	None.	8.00	.0090	.0112	.39	.0000	.0000	.52	2.6	.2200		Unfiltered
26419	Mar. 8	Mar. 9	Very slight.	None.	.20	None.	None.	15.00	.0032	.0076	.41	.0030	.0003	.31	8.9	.0130	94.09	Filtered
26700	Apr. 10	Apr. 11	Decided iron	Cons. iron.	T'rb'd .70	None.	None.	6.70	.0100	.0126	.36	.0040	.0000	.48	2.7	.1700		Unfiltered
26701	Apr. 10	Apr. 11	None.	None.	.29	None.	Faint.	14.30	.0060	.0090	.31	.0030	.0004	.33	8.6	.0160	90.06	Filtered
27019	May 6	May 8	Decided iron	Cons. iron.	T'rb'd .55	F'ntly earthy	F'ntly earthy	7.50	.0080	.0112	.32	.0030	.0000	.53	2.5	.1100		Unfiltered
27020	May 6	May 8	Very slight.	Very slight.	.31	None.	None.	13.80	.0022	.0104	.32	.0060	.0005	.38	8.1	.0120	89.09	Filtered
27335	June 6	June 7	Decided iron	Cons. iron.	.80	None.	F'ntly earthy and unpls.	7.10	.0076	.0140	.39	.0040	.0000	.65	2.0	.1200		Unfiltered
27336	June 6	June 7	Sli'tly milky.	None.	.34	None.	None.	13.50	.0052	.0104	.39	.0020	.0020	.43	8.0	.0150	87.50	Filtered
27675	July 6	July 7	Decided iron	Cons. iron.	T'rb'd .80	None.	None.	7.00	.0096	.0104	.40	.0020	.0000	.56	2.0	.1200		Unfiltered
27676	July 6	July 7	Very slight.	None.	.21	None.	None.	14.20	.0022	.0052	.43	.0040	.0015	.32	8.6	.0030	97.50	Filtered
28073	Aug. 7	Aug. 8	Dec'd milky with iron.	Cons.	Filt. .55	None.	None.	6.90	.0088	.0072	.48	.0020	.0000	.45	2.2	.0850		Unfiltered
28074	Aug. 7	Aug. 8	None.	None.	.26	None.	None.	14.20	.0040	.0042	.48	.0040	.0020	.33	8.6	.0030	98.82	Filtered
28476	Sept. 5	Sept. 6	Dec'd floru't iron.	Cons. Floru't iron.	Filt. .69	None.	None.	7.40	.0112	.0092	.50	.0040	.0000	.41	2.0	.1800		Unfiltered
28477	Sept. 5	Sept. 6	None.	None.	.20	None.	None.	14.40	.0056	.0070	.54	.0020	.0024	.29	7.4	.0040	97.77	Filtered
28934	Oct. 10	Oct. 11	Decided iron	Heavy iron.	Turbid Filt. .52	None.	None.	8.00	.0136	.0128	.59	.0010	.0001	.54	2.0	.2400		Unfiltered
28935	Oct. 10	Oct. 11	Very slight.	None.	.14	None.	None.	14.60	.0024	.0074	.54	.0080	.0060	.24	8.6	.0020	99.16	Filtered
29241	Nov. 5	Nov. 6	Decided iron	Cons. iron.	T'rb'd .80	None.	None.	9.30	.0120	.0084	.52	.0040	.0000	.39	2.3	.1700		Unfiltered
29242	Nov. 5	Nov. 6	None.	None.	T'rb'd .12	None.	None.	15.80	.0054	.0050	.52	.0050	.0013	.19	7.9	.0020	98.82	Filtered
29614	Dec. 11	Dec. 12	Decided.	Cons.	T'rb'd .65	None.	None.	8.90	.0118	.0106	.52	.0020	.0000	.38	2.6	.2000		Unfiltered
29615	Dec. 11	Dec. 12	None.	None.	.08	None.	None.	14.40	.0070	.0080	.57	.0060	.0012	.25	7.1	.0030	98.50	Filtered

MAIN PIPE STOCK ON HAND.

132 feet 12-inch pipe.
130 " 10-inch pipe.
160 " 8-inch pipe.
108 " 6-inch pipe.
4 one-twelfth bends, 8-inch.
1 gate 12-inch.
1 " 10-inch.
1 " 8-inch.
1 " 6-inch.
1 post hydrant.
8 plugs, 8-inch.
2 " 6-inch.
2 sleeves, 12-inch.
2 " 10-inch.
1 " 8-inch.
2 " 6-inch.
1 reducer, 8 x 4-inch.
1 Split Sleeve, 12-inch.
1 " " 10-inch.
1 " " 8-inch.
1 " " 6-inch.
1 T, 12 x 8 inch.
3 T's, 12 x 6.
2 T's, 8 x 6.
1 T, 8 x 8.
1 T, 8 x 4.
1 T, 6 x 6.
1 T, 6 x 4.
1 T, 10 x 8.
1 T, 10 x 6.
1 gate box extension.
2 one-sixteeth bends, 6 inch.
1 gate box.
200 lbs. pig lead.

SERVICE PIPE STOCK ON HAND.

72 feet 1¼-inch gal. iron pipe.
90 " ½-inch " " "
340 " ¾-inch lead lined pipe.
6 " 1¼-inch lead pipe.
1 service lead, ¾-inch.
3 brass solder nipples, 1¼-inch.
2 " " " 1-inch.
8 " " " 1x¾inch
9 " " " ¾-inch.
58 lead lined couplings, ¾-inch.
6 " " ells, ¾-inch.
11 star couplings, ¾ x ½-inch.
10 " " ½-inch.
12 service box covers.
10 45° ells, 1-inch enamelled.
4 bibb cocks, ¾-inch.
45 unions, ¾-inch.
14 gal. ells, ¾ x ½-inch.
60 " " ¾-inch.
88 " couplings, ¾ x ½-inch.
57 " " ¾-inch.
10 " " 1 x ½-inch.
10 " T's, ¾ x ½-inch.
8 " " ¾-inch.
1 return bend, 1½-inch C. I.
20 gal. bushings, 1 x ¾-inch.

100 meter connections.
8 lead lined T's, ¾-inch.
8 " " 45° ells, ¾-inch.
6 " " unions, ¾-inch.
8 " " R. & L. couplings, ¾-inch.
12 Fitchburg S. & W. cocks, ¾-inch.
11 Fitchburg S. & W. cocks, 1 x ¾-inch.
8 Fitchburg S. & W. cocks, 1-inch.
13 Corporation cocks, ¾-inch.
2 " " 1-inch.
1 " " 1¼-inch.
11 Newport S. & W. cocks, ¾-inch.
1 Newport S. W. cock, 1 inch.
12 Gorham S. & W. cocks, ¾-inch.
7 Dart S. & W. cocks, ¾-inch.
3 Newport L. H. cocks, 1-inch.
1 lb. solder.
2 Gal. 45° ells, 2-inch.
2 unions, 1¼-inch.
2 Gal. ells, 1¼-inch.
15 " " 1 x ½-inch.
41 " " ¾ x ½-inch.
3 " 3-inch nipples, ¾-inch.
24 " 45° ells, ¾-inch.
114 " ¾-inch close nipples.
2 couplings, 1¼-inch.
1 coupling, 1½-inch.
2 plugs, 1¼-inch.
4 " ¾-inch.
1 cap, 1-inch.
9 " ¾-inch.
5 unions, 2-inch.
2 flang T's, 3-inch.
5 plugs, 2-inch.
2 nipples, 8 x 2½-inch.
1 ell, 2½-inch.
1 T, 2½ x 1¼-inch.
1 T, 2 x ¾-inch.
23 couplings, 2-inch.
1 coupling, 2½ x 1¼-inch.
1 sidewalk box extension.
3 gal. bushings, 2 x 1¼-inch.
3 close nipples, 2-inch.
18 service box screws.
8 Dart S. & W. with unions.
1 Gal. 45° ell, 1¼-inch.

TOOLS AT SHOP.

1 gasoline torch.
1 solder pot and ladle.
1 Hall tapping machine and set of taps.
1 forge and anvil.
20 red globe lanterns.
14 picks.
6 shovels.
1 pair pipe tongs.
1 wagon.

1 Johnson pump.
1 boiler for thawing hydrants.
1 heavy chain.
1 derrick.
1 axe.
1 hatchet.
1 draw shave.
1 trowel.
6 elect. exploders.
2 tampers.
4 bars.
2 tunnelling bars.
1 diaphragm pump.
15 feet suction hose.
1 hoe.
4 grub hoes.
14 drills.
2 striking hammers.
1 sledge hammer.
1 ½-in. tap.
1 well driving derrick and fittings.
1 set blocks and ropes.
1 set chain falls.
1 branding iron.
1 Parker vise.
1 Walworth vise.
1 Vanderman vise.
1 bush scythe and snath.
2 hand saws.
1 key hole saw.
1 steel square.
1 bevel.
1 pung.
1 spade.
3 pair rubber boots.
52 lbs. Ætna powder.
1 bit brace.
2 files.
2 claw hammers.
25 feet 2½-in. hose.
1 battery and wire.
2 Walworth pipe cutters.
1 3-wheel pipe cutter.
1 Hall pipe cutter.
1 Saunders pipe cutter.
2 No. 1½ die stock and dies.
1 No. 2 die stock and dies.
1 Miller ratchet die stock.
1 set calking tools and hammer.
5 cold chisels.
4 dog chisels.
4 diamond points.
1 lead kettle and ladle.
1 soldering copper.
1 crow.
1 6-in. pipe jointer.
1 8-in. pipe jointer.
1 12-in. pipe jointer.
1 steel rake.
1 dry tapping machine.
1 Ashley nipple cutter.
1 2-in. pipe tap.
1 1¼-in. pipe tap.
1 1-in. pipe tap.
2 ¾-in. pipe taps.

1 ¾-in. chisel.
1 ½-in. bitt.
1 grindstone.
1 nail puller.
1 2-in. twist drill.
1 express harness.
1 3-16 bitt.
1 washer cutter.
1 extension bitt.
1 breast drill.
1 ¼-in. drill.
2 pipe benches.
2 blacksmiths hammers.
6 pair blacksmiths tongs.
1 wheelbarrow.
2 24-in. Stillson wrenches.
1 16-in. Stillson wrench.
2 14-in. Stillson wrenches.
1 14-in. Coes wrench.
1 8-in. Coes wrench.
1 meter testing scale and tank.
3 hack saws.
4 hammer handles.
3 gate wrenches.
4 service wrenches.
1 can for thawing dynamite.
1 hanging lamp.
1 snow-shovel.
1 level.
2 tool boxes.

TOOLS AT PUMPING STATION.

1 12-in. swing engine lathe.
1 8-in. combination chuck.
5 reamers.
3 machine taps.
18 twist drills.
1 Slates cutting off tool.
1 Beaches threading tool.
1 set Lightning Screw plates and dies.
11 machine files.
10 lathe dogs.
1 pair blacksmiths tongs.
1 hack saw.
2 pipe cutters.
2 16-in. Stillson wrenches.
1 24-in. Coes wrench.
1 36-in. Stillson wrench.
1 Packer rachet.
3 rachet drills.
1 set small drills.
2 hand saws.
1 2½-in. pipe tap.
1 1½-in. pipe tap.
1 ¾-in. pipe tap.
1 ½-in. pipe tap.
1 ¼-in. pipe tap.
1 washer cutter.
1 pair pipe tongs.
1 No. 4 Brock tongs.
1 13-foot ladder.
1 20-foot ladder.
1 5-foot step-ladder.

1 18-in. Coes wrench.
1 14-in. Coes wrench.
1 8-in. Coes wrench.
1 Billings & Spencer wrench No. 281.
1 Billings & Spencer wrench No. 107.
1 Billings & Spencer wrench No. 275.
1 Billings & Spencer wrench No. 239.
1 Billings & Spencer wrench No. 391.
1 Billings & Spencer wrench No. 74.
1 Billings & Spencer wrench No. 17.
1 Reeces screw plate.
5 machine dies.
1 breast drill.
6 steel engine wedges.
1 Cushman chuck.
1 8 x $\frac{3}{4}$-in. emery wheel.
1 steel square.
1 Curtis & Curtis pipe cutting and threading machine.
1 Primus torch.
2 hoes.
1 rain gauge.
1 sod cutter.
1 lawn mower.
1 flue scraper.
1 steam flue blower.
1 bitt stock.
1 set bitts.
1 Thompson Indicator.
1 Dean Reducing Wheel.
1 planimeter.
1 gate wrench.
1 No. 4 Centrifugal pump.
12 feet suction pipe, 4-in.
22 feet steam hose, $1\frac{1}{2}$-in.
12 feet suction hose, $1\frac{1}{4}$-in.
50 feet hose, 1-in.
50 feet hose, $\frac{3}{4}$-in.
4 lanterns.
1 foot valve.
1 Backus water motor.
2 snow shovels.
1 Walworth vise.
1 No. $1\frac{1}{2}$ die stock.
9 die plates, $\frac{1}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{4}$-in.
1 No. 6 tap wrench.

METERS.

14 Nash, $\frac{5}{8}$-inch.
4 Nash, $\frac{5}{8}$-inch. Extension dials.
1 Lambert $\frac{5}{8}$-inch.
1 Crown, $\frac{5}{8}$-inch.
2 Hersey disc, 1-inch.
1 " " $\frac{5}{8}$-inch.
1 " " 2-inch.

FURNITURE IN SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

1 counter.
1 roll top desk.
1 table.
1 safe.
1 letter press.
1 map of Reading.
1 filing case.
2 book cases.
6 chairs.
1 clock.
1 registering gauge.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Report of 1899.

Reading Water Works, Middlesex County, Mass.

Population by census of 1895, 4,717; date of construction, 1890, and 1891; by whom owned, Town of Reading; source of supply filter gallery; mode of supply, pumping to stand pipe.

PUMPING.

1 Builders of pumping machinery, Geo. F. Blake M'f'g. Co.
2 Description of coal:
b Bituminous; *d* brand Georges Creek, Cumberland; *e* price per gross ton delivered, $4.60.
3 Coal consumed for the year in pounds, 392,661.
4 $\frac{\text{Pounds of wood consumed}}{3}$ equals coal in pounds.
5 Total fuel consumed for year in pounds, 392,661.
6 Total pumpage for year in gallons, 47,971,992.
7 Average static head against which pumps work, 219.
8 Average dynamic head against which pumps work, 240.
9 Number of gallons pumped per pound of coal, 122.
10 Duty $\frac{\text{Gallons pumped (6)} \times 8.34 \text{ (lbs.)} \times 100 \times \text{dynamic head (8)}}{\text{Total fuel consumed (5)}}$ equals.
Cost of pumping, figured on pumping station expenses, viz., $2,472.26.

11 Per million gallons raised against dynamic head into standpipe, $51.53.
12 Per million gallons raised one foot high (dynamic), .2147.
Cost of pumping, figured on total maintenance, viz., $14,047.44.
13 Per million gallons raised against dynamic head into stand pipe, $292.80.
14 Per million gallons raised one foot high (dynamic), $1.22.

CONSUMPTION.

1 Estimated total population at date, 4850.
2 Estimated population on lines of pipes at date, 4300.
3 Estimated population supplied at date, 4010.
4 Total number of gallons consumed for year, 47,971,992.
5 Passed through domestic meter.
6 Passed through manufacturing meters.
7 Average daily consumption, 131,430.
8 Gallons per day to each inhabitant (1), 27.09.
9 Gallons per day to each consumer (3), 32.74.
10 Gallons per day to each tap (distribution), 129.1.

DISTRIBUTION.

MAINS.

1 Kind of pipe used, cast iron.
2 Sizes from 4 inches to 12 inches.
3 Extended, 4414 feet.
4 Discontinued, none.
5 Total, now in use, 24 $\frac{61}{100}$ miles.
6 Cost of repairs per mile, none.
7 Number of leaks per mile, none.
8 Small distribution pipes less than four inches, none.
9 Hydrants added, 6.

10 Number now in use, 131.
11 Stop gates added, 8.
12 Number now in use, 220.
13 Small stop gates less than four inches, none.
14 Number of blow-off gates, 14.
15 Range of pressure on mains at centre for day and night, 68 to 78 pounds.

SERVICES.

16 Kind of pipe used, galvanized iron, cement-lined, iron, lead-lined iron, cast iron.
17 Size, $\frac{3}{4}$ to 6 inches.
18 Extended, 9850 feet.
19 Discontinued, 293 feet.
20 Total, now in use, 13 $\frac{434}{1000}$ miles.
21 Service taps added, 90.
22 Number now in use, 1018.
23 Azerage length for 1899, 106.16 feet.
24 Average cost of services for 1899, $37.20.
25 Meters added, 66.
26 Number now in use, 917.
27 Motors added, none.
28 Number now in use, 2.

LEWIS M. BANCROFT, *Superintendent.*

READING, January 25, 1900.

W.	Net cost of works to date	$252,372 73
X.	Bonded debt at this date	216,000 00
Z.	Rate of interest, 4 per cent.	

FINANCIAL.

Receipts.			MAINTENANCE.	Expenditures.
FROM CONSUMERS.			*AA.* Management and repairs,	$5,507 44
A. Water rates, domestic,		$7,570 41	*BB.* Interest on Bonds,	8,540 00
B. Water Rates. manufacturing,		137 61	*CC.* Total maintenance for the year,	$14,047 44
C. Net receipts for water,		$7,708 02	*DD.* Balance,	391 60
D. Miscellaneous (rents, repairs, sales,)		271 02		
E. Total,		$7,979 04		
FROM PUBLIC FUNDS.				
F. Hydrants,	$3,750 00			
G. Fountains,	300 00			
J. Appropriations,	2,410 00			
		$6,460 00		
K. Gross receipts,		$14,439 04	*EE.* Total,	$14,439 04
			CONSTRUCTION.	
R. From balance of last year,		$55 28	*FF.* Extension of mains,	$4,180 62
S. From bonds issued,		9,027 90	*GG.* Extension of services,	3,348 52
U. From services,		987 54	*HH.* Special, (Lime House)	740 69
			Meters,	959 31
			II. Total construction for year,	$9,229 14
			JJ. Balance,	841 58
V. Total,		$10,070 72	*KK.* Total,	$10,070 72

TOWN OF READING.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

. . OF THE . .

Electric Light Commissioners

For the Ending December 30, 1899.

OFFICERS OF THE ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER DEPARTMENT.

Commissioners.

HENRY ROBINSON, *Chairman*, . .	Term expires 1901
A. NEWELL HOWES, *Sec'y*, . . .	" " 1902
JAMES H. CARLETON, . . .	" " 1900

Superintendent and Manager.

STEWART S. BELL.

Clerk.

A. R. PRENTISS.

OFFICE:

Room 10, Masonic Block.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday and Saturday, 7.30 to 9 P. M.

REPORT OF MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

For the Year Ending December 30, 1899.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

CONSTRUCTION.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1898	$724 38	
" due from maintenance, Dec. 31, 1898	501 98	
Appropriation for 1899	800 00	
" " for arc lamp, Pearl and Main streets	100 00	
Cash received from sale of incandescent lamps	52 02	
Cash received from sale of miscellaneous articles	53 24	
		$2,231 62

EXPENDITURES.

ELECTRIC PLANT.

Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co., balance contract	$998 95	
American Express Co., express	30	
Pay rolls, 1899	6 00	
		$1,005 25

LINES.

Francis Bros., sundries	$11 59	
H. M. Viall, freight and express	7 70	
Washburn, Moen Manufacturing Co., wire	30 84	
A. W. Peabody, poles	37 50	
C. S. Knowles, cable	36 70	
Boston and Maine R. R., freight	1 61	
American Express Co., express and freight	4 80	
L. B. White & Co., express	2 45	
Western Electric Co., wire	160 33	
General Electric Co., arresters	15 00	
P. J. Seaman, sundries	2 30	
Pettingell, Andrews & Co., wire	129 70	
Electric Gas Lighting Co., arresters	3 00	
Anchor Electric Co., wire	8 11	
Pay rolls, 1899	102 64	
		$554 27

ARC LAMPS AND GLOBES.

E. O. Lunden		$115 00

INCANDESCENT LAMPS.

H. M. Viall, freight and express,	$2 50	
Bryan-Marsh Co., lamps	52 50	
Western Electric Co., lamps	157 74	
		$212 74

METERS.

Boston and Maine R. R., freight	$1 00	
Pettingell, Andrews & Co., meters	52 20	
Ft. Wayne Electric Corp'n, "	7 02	
General Electric Co., "	144 15	
Bibber-White Co., "	50 40	
		$254 77

CONVERTERS.

Wagner Electric Manuf'g Co., converters	$211 00	
General Electric Co., converters . .	148 00	
		$359 00
Total charges to construction account .		$2,501 03

SUMMARY.

Charges to construction account, . .	$2,501 03	
Less credits above	2,231 62	
Amount borrowed from maintenance account		$269 41

RECAPITULATION.

Cost of Reading Municipal Light and Power Plant to December 30, 1899.

	TOTAL COST DEC. 31, 1898.	ACC'T REND'D DEC. 30, 1899.	TOTAL COST DEC. 30, 1899.
Real Estate . . .	$21,091 97		$21,091 97
Steam Plant . .	14,073 03		14,073 03
Electric Plant . .	9,032 06	$1,005 25	10,037 31
Lines . . .	17,518 49	554 27	18,072 76
Arc Lamps and Globes .	2,454 96	115 00	2,569 96
Incandescent Lamps .	1,119 05	212 74	1,331 79
Meters . . .	2,078 37	254 77	2,333 14
Converters . .	3,016 72	359 00	3,375 72
Incidental Const. Exp. .	2,556 98		2,556 98
Amount carried forward	$72,941 63	$2,501 03	$75,442 66

Amount brought forward	$72,941 63	$2,501 03	$75,442 66
Office Furniture . .	357 38		357 38
Board Expenses . .	63 82		63 82
Totals . .	$73,362 83	$2,501 03	$75,863 86

Deduct.

Construction stock on hand Dec. 30, 1899	$423 50	
Cash received for Incandescent Lamps .	52 02	
Cash received for Miscellaneous Articles	53 24	
Am't due from Consumers for Incandescent Lamps	29 20	
		$557 96
Total Cost of Plant Dec. 30, 1899 .		$75,305 90

MAINTENANCE.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation for 1899 . . .	$4,500 00	
Appropriation for Interest, 1899 . . .	2,372 50	
Cash for Commercial Incan. Light . .	1,853 60	
Cash for Domestic Incan. Light . .	2,168 16	
Cash for Town Incan. Light . . .	124 88	
Cash for Meter Rents	158 50	
Cash for Wiring, Labor and Fixtures .	1,770 32	
Cash for Miscellaneous Articles . .	8 00	
Cash for Interest on Deposits . . .	2 95	
		$12,958 91

EXPENDITURES.

FUEL.

Curran & Burton, coal	$903 78	
Boston and Maine R. R., freight	347 91	
E. H. Forbes, labor	3 00	
Pay rolls, 1899	13 75	
		$1,268 44

OIL AND WASTE.

Reading Co-op. Ass'n, kerosene	14 40	
C. A. Claflin & Co., waste	22 92	
H. M. Viall, freight and express	7 25	
A. W. Harris Oil Co., oil	84 26	
American Express Co., express	30	
F. Wallace, kerosene	3 40	
S. S. Bell, sundries	65	
		$133 18

WATER.

Reading Water Works	$43 09

STATION WAGES.

Pay rolls, 1899	$2,457 96

REPAIRS OF REAL ESTATE.

Francis Bros., sundries	$2 50	
C. L. Martin, repairing trestle	90 15	
E. H. Forbes, team and labor	7 22	
		$99 87

REPAIRS OF STEAM PLANT.

Kidder Supply Co., washers	$ 44	
N. J. Shattuck, packing and belt lacings	2 05	
Amount carried forward	$2 49	

Amount brought forward	$ 2 49	
American Express Co., express	95	
H. M. Viall, freight and express	1 59	
H. R. Worthington, supplies	1 30	
Chas. A. Claflin & Co., valves and sundries	13 91	
The Fairbanks Co., repairing valve	5 00	
P. J. Seaman, sundries	50	
F. A. Warren, resetting boilers	85 89	
Francis Bros., sundries	25	
W. Bancroft & Co., brick, etc.	3 45	
J. H. Carleton, fire brick, etc.	14 25	
C. A. Claflin & Co., hose and gaskets	9 16	
		$138 74

REPAIRS OF ELECTRIC PLANT.

Horton Manuf'g Co., turning armature	$2 50	
Westinghouse Electric and Manuf'g Co., armature coils, etc.	41 64	
Pettingell, Andrews & Co., supplies	48	
Francis Bros., supplies	20	
Crown Woven Wire Brush Co., brushes	18 00	
Horton Manuf'g Co., grinding commutator	4 72	
Pay rolls, 1899	2 00	
		$69 54

STATION TOOLS AND APPLIANCES.

Francis Bros., sundries	$23 08	
F. E. Fitts Manuf'g and Supply Co., sundries	1 00	
E. C. Metcalf, cuspidores	1 35	
H. K. Austin, gasolene	30	
F. Wallace, lanterns	1 40	
O. O. Ordway, repairing	75	
H. M. Viall, express	25	
P. J. Seaman, sundries	3 90	
		$32 03

WAGES CARE OF LIGHTS.

Pay roll, 1899		$743 50

REPAIRS OF LINES AND LAMPS.

Francis Bros., sundries	$5 76	
H. M. Viall, express	2 30	
Littlefield & Kennedy, repairing transformers	124 20	
E. O. Lundin, carbon holders	9 52	
Boston and Maine R. R., freight	50	
American Express Co., express	40	
Western Electric Co., carbon holders	16 85	
Pay roll, 1899	91 93	
		$251 46

CARBONS.

Standard Carbon Co., carbons	$152 64	
H. M. Viall, freight and express	25 30	
		$177 94

GENERAL SALARIES.

S. S. Bell, manager	$1,200 16	
A. R. Prentiss, clerk	250 00	
		$1,450 16

GENERAL OFFICE EXPENSES.

Aaron R. Gay, invoice book	$3 20	
American Express Co., express	15	
A. W. Danforth, oil for floor	1 50	
Electrical Engineer, subscription	3 00	
M. F. Charles, P. M., stamped envelopes	21 80	
H. Prentiss, P. M., " "	11 20	
W. H. Twombly & Sons, stock and printing	19 25	
H. M. Viall, express	30	
A. R. Prentiss, sundries	3 07	
		$63 47

RENT.		
Reading Masonic Temple Corp. . . .		$132 00
INSURANCE.		
Field & Cowles		$489 28
INTEREST.		
Salem Savings Bank, notes . . .	$112 50	
E. F. Parker, treasurer, bonds . . .	1,840 00	
Warren Institution for Savings, notes . .	280 00	
Peoples' Savings B'nk, Brockton, " . .	140 00	
		$2,372 50
INCIDENTALS.		
Reading Co-operative Association, supplies	$1 95	
Meyers Putz Pomade Co., Putz pomade .	1 90	
H. M. Viall, express	2 20	
Standard Chemical Co., supplies . . .	5 60	
Francis Bros., sundries	55	
Standard Chemical Co., soaposo . . .	9 75	
Pay roll, 1899	170 13	
		$192 08
STABLE.		
C. H. Playdon, veterinary service . .	$7 75	
F. P. Abbott, board and care of horse .	240 00	
F. H. White, " " " " .	240 00	
C. D. Wells, shoeing	17 75	
Z. S. Richards, "	9 50	
P. J. Seaman, iron work	32 90	
J. H. Johnson, repairing harnesses . .	4 15	
R. C. Totten, iron work	2 00	
G. H. Atkinson, 6 stable brooms . .	3 00	
F. W. Danforth, painting wagons . .	11 00	
W. C. Taylor, repairing harnesses . .	3 20	
Francis Bartley, blankets	2 50	
John A. Blunt, shoeing	3 75	
		$577 50

WIRING, LABOR AND FIXTURES.

N. Y. Insulated Wire Co., wire	$169 40		
McKenney & Waterbury, fixtures	362 85		
American Express Co., express	2 24		
C. S. Knowles, supplies, cable, conduits	87 42		
Electric Gas Lighting Co., supplies	85 26		
Bibber-White Co., supplies	13 10		
Western Electric Co., "	198 82		
Frrncis Bros., sundries	12 33		
H. M. Viall, freight and express	23 99		
Pettingell, Andrews Co., supplies	170 93		
P. J. Seaman, iron work	80		
Beattie Zinc Works, battery supplies	1 40		
Boston and Maine R. R., freight	11 72		
F. O. Dewey Co., conduit	15 00		
Westinghouse Electric and Manuf'g Co., supplies	63		
E. R. & E. H. Tarbell, fixtures refinished	2 15		
S. S. Bell, sundries	1 00		
Belcher & Loomis Hardware Co., wire and cleats	30 00		
Anchor Electric Manuf'g Co., wire and moulding	2 40		
Pay roll, 1899	266 30		
Springfield Local Telephone Co., telephones	24 00		
		$1,481	74
Total charges to maintenance account		$12,174	48

SUMMARY.

Credits to maintenance account		$12,958 91	
Less charges above and	$12,174 48		
Less amount due construction	501 98	12,676 46	
			$282 45

Cash on hand, Dec. 30, 1899	$13 04	
Amount loaned construction account	269 41	
		$282 45

RECAPITULATION.

COST OF MAINTENANCE, INCLUDING INTEREST ON BONDS AND NOTES, YEAR OF 1899.

Fuel	$1,268 44	
Oil and waste	133 18	
Water	43 09	
Station wages	2,457 96	
Repairs real estate	99 87	
" steam plant	138 74	
" elecric plant	69 54	
Station tools	32 03	
Wages, care of lights	743 50	
Repairs of lines and lamps	251 46	
Carbons	177 94	
General salaries	1,450 16	
General office expenses	63 47	
Rents	132 00	
Insurance	489 28	
Incidentals	192 08	
Interest	2,372 50	
Stable	577 50	
Wiring, labor and fixtures	1,481 74	
		$12,174 48
Add		
Amount due from wiring and labor, Dec. 31, 1898	$625 89	
Maintenance stock on hand, Dec. 31, 1898	761 77	
Amount due from consumers for light, meter rent and sundries, Dec. 31, 1898	863 36	
		$2,251 02

BILLS PAYABLE.

Chas. A. Claflin & Co.	$17 35	
Pettingell, Andrews & Co.	36 16	
Knowlton Packing Co.	10 94	
N. Y. Insulated Wire Co.	32 72	
Western Electric Co.	90 46	
R. B. McKeen	85	
Jenkins Bros.	1 43	
Anchor Electric Co.	7 20	
C. S. Knowles	8 10	
Elec. Gas Lighting Co.	11 18	
Belcher, Loomis & Co.	25 07	
Reading Planing Mill	25	
Horton Man'f'g Co.	5 90	
Standard Carbon Co.	39 91	
Harris Oil Co.	52 44	
Reading Water Works	67 99	
Field & Cowles	24 37	
Curran & Burton	449 82	
		882 14
		$15,307 64

Deduct am't rec'd in 1899, viz:

Commercial Incandescent Light	$1,853 60	
Domestic " "	2,168 16	
Town " "	124 88	
Meter rents	158 50	
Wiring, labor and fixtures	1,770 32	
Miscellaneous articles	8 00	
Interest on deposits	2 95	
Amount carried forward	$6,086 41	

Amount brought forward		$6,086 41	
Maintenance stock on hand Dec. 30, 1899		338 74	
Amt. due Dec. 30, 1899, viz:			
Commercial Incan. Light		551 13	
Domestic " "		674 37	
Town " "		30 73	
Wiring, labor and fixtures		872 59	
Meter rents		43 80	
			$8,597 77
Total cost of Maintenance, 1899			$6,709 87
Number of arc street lamps, 130.			
Cost of each lamp for 1899			$51 61

INVENTORY.

CONSTRUCTION STOCK ON HAND DEC. 30, 1899.

14 Hard Pine Poles	$66 15	
5 Cedar Poles	12 50	
175 lbs. Wire	35 00	
204 Cross Arm Pins	2 55	
34 Cross Arms	7 63	
14 Headers	2 80	
14 lbs. Solder	1 68	
1 Mast Arms	14 00	
40 Insulators	80	
8 Pole Hoods	40 00	
44 Cross Arm Braces	4 40	
116 Insulators	2 32	
28 Lag Screws	28	
36 Bolts	36	
75 lbs. Arc Cable	3 75	
100 feet Lead Cable	8 00	
Amount carried forward	$202 22	

	Amount brought forward	$202 22	
2	Converters	107 00	
3	Meters	33 00	
394	Incandescent Lamps	81 28	
			$423 50

MAINTENANCE STOCK ON HAND DEC. 30, 1899.

300	feet Moulding	$4 50	
14	Cutouts	2 24	
25	Switches	13 05	
2	Receptacles	2 30	
196	Cord Adjusters	98	
100	Bushings	50	
31	Rosettes	4 34	
6	Sockets	1 08	
623	Tubes	2 74	
108	Shade Holders	3 78	
2	lbs. Compound	80	
450	ft. Conduit	14 75	
12	Cutouts	3 60	
700	ft. Wire	6 75	
18½	lbs. Wire	4 44	
250	ft Cord	6 00	
40	Insulating Joints	10 00	
2	gross Screws	50	
120	C Knobs	60	
14	Crow Feet	70	
85	Fuse Plugs	1 70	
7	Wire Cages	70	
2	Reflectors	1 50	
2	lbs. Fuse Wire	80	
5	lbs. Bell Wire	1 50	
	Amount carried forward	$89 85	

Amount brought forward	$89 85	
3 Dry Batteries	51	
8 Victor Bells	4 00	
4 Carbon Batteries	1 08	
200 Sockets	31 00	
1 Electric Lamp	2 50	
2 Cords Slabs	8 00	
50 tons Coal	174 20	
55 gals. oil	21 10	
50 lbs. Waste	4 00	
5 Arc Globes	2 50	
		$338 74
Total stock on hand Dec. 30, 1899		$762 24
No. of Incandescent Lamps installed in '99	594	
Poles installed during 1899	27	
Meters installed during 1899	30	
Converters installed during 1899	8	
Wire installed during 1899	21,000 feet	
Coal used during 1899	525 tons	
Number of consumers Dec. 31, 1898	151	
" " " added during 1899	52	
Total	203	
Number of consumers discontinued during 1899	31	
Net increase	21	

Number of days and hours that street circuits were lighted during year ending Dec. 30, 1899:

	Days.	Hours.
January	25	141
February	21	120
March	25	117
April	22	106
May	22	100
June	24	101
July	26	105
August	25	118
September	23	130
October	24	146
November	25	159
December	28	174
Total	290	1,517

Table showing the earnings each month from Incandescent light and meter rents and a comparison with the previous year:

	Light	Meter Rents.	1899 Total.	1898 Total.
January	$502 87	$12 10	$514 97	$520 44
February	377 30	12 20	389 50	349 02
March	404 35	15 70	420 05	378 00
April	281 78	12 30	294 08	297 21
May	278 04	13 30	291 34	204 21
June	200 29	14 70	214 99	148 00
July	159 63	10 10	169 73	148 81
August	275 35	12 80	288 15	235 15
September	391 47	20 00	411 47	269 72
October	581 23	17 60	598 83	427 93
November	625 38	15 90	641 28	546 58
December	666 84	18 00	684 84	476 30
Total	$4,744 53	$174 70	$4,919 23	$4,001 37

Less discount allowed for cash payment	173 87	139 41
	$4,745 36	$3,861 96

COST OF ARC LAMP INSTALLED AT JUNCTION OF MAIN, MILL AND PEARL STREETS.

Appropriation		$100 00
300 lbs. No. 6 W. P. Wire, at 20c. . .	$60 00	
1 arc lamp complete, with hood . .	30 00	
Labor	10 00	
		$100 00

The foregoing report shows a fairly good increase in the net earnings from incandescent lighting for the year 1899.

There has been a gain in the number of consumers, and the light furnished gives universal satisfaction. Quite a number have expressed their intention to wire their houses this year, so that the receipts should continue to increase.

The street lights have cost $51.61 each for the year, which is low in comparison with other towns that are supplied by corporations. There is a great variation in the number of days and the number of hours that the lights are burning each day in the different towns. The prices range from $66 to $90 per lamp, per year, although the general price is $75, when the conditions are similar to our own.

For maintenance the current year, the Board are compelled to ask for the same amount that was voted last year, on account of the increase in the cost of coal and supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY ROBINSON,
A. NEWELL HOWES,
JAMES H. CARLETON,
Town of Reading Municipal Light Board.

ANNUAL REPORT

...OF THE...

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

...OF THE...

Town of Reading

For the Year Ending December 31, 1899.

School Committee.

WALTER S. PARKER, *Chairman*, Walnut St.,	Term expires		1902
GILMAN L. PARKER, *Sec'y*, Washington St.,	"	"	1900
HORACE G. WADLIN, Woburn St.,	"	"	1902
MRS. ELLEN M. BANCROFT, Sanborn St.,	"	"	1900
MRS. MARY L. NESMITH, Main St.,	"	"	1901
HENRY C. PARKER, Chute St.,	"	"	1901

Superintendent of Schools.

MELVILLE A. STONE.

Truant Officers.

FREDERIC D. MERRILL, ARTHUR E. DAVIS.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE.

WALTER S. PARKER, *Chairman.*
GILMAN L. PARKER, *Secretary.*

SUB-COMMITTEES.

Finances and Accounts.

G. L. Parker, H. G. Wadlin.

Books and Supplies.

W. S. Parker, Mrs. Nesmith.

School Houses and Property.

H. G. Wadlin, H. C. Parker,
G. L. Parker.

Rules and Regulations.

H. C. Parker, H. G. Wadlin,
Mrs. Bancroft.

Teachers and Salaries.

W. S. Parker, Mrs. Bancroft,
G. L. Parker.

Music and Drawing.

Mrs. Bancroft, G. L. Parker.

Course of Study.

H. G. Wadlin, W. S. Parker,
Mrs. Nesmith.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The School Committee, in compliance with the requirements of the law, submits the following annual report of the condition and progress of the schools during the year ending December 31, 1899. We earnestly call the attention of the citizens of the Town to the report of the Superintendent and the recommendations therein contained.

There has been no marked change during the year in the general management of the schools with the possible exception of the fact that after careful consideration of the matter and a public meeting of the parents of the Haverhill District, it was deemed best to close the school and transport the pupils to the centre. This has been done.

COMMERCIAL COURSE.

We have not been able to introduce the studies of Stenography and Typewriting in the High School course this year on account of the necessary expense attending it. We are still strongly of the opinion that it would be wise to commence the study of those subjects as soon as the necessary means are available. It is evident that there is an urgent demand for the immediate introduction of these studies, and we have made up the estimates for the year with that in view.

MANUAL TRAINING.

We would call your attention to the recommendations of the Superintendent in regard to the introduction of manual training in some of the grammar grades. It has been tried in many places

and without exception it has been regarded as a valuable and wise acquisition to the course of study, and on accountofthe work it has not been considered an additional burden to the requirements of the course. The state has recognized the benefits to be derived from this branch of instruction by giving it the sanction of state law, and by adopting it we are but following the lead of the best educational thought and practice as exemplified in Germany, England, France, and Russia. The committee unanimously and heartily believe in the immediate adoption of manual training. We have called attention to this matter several times in past reports and in order to bring the matter before the voters we have asked for special appropriation for the introduction of manual training, thus giving the Town an opportunity of adopting or rejecting the proposed measure.

A very fine piano was purchased for the Highland School by money received from the proceeds of a concert given by the pupils of the schools, under the direction of Mr. Archibald, Supervisor of Music, and assisted by several musical artists. The school committee, in behalf of the town, voted an appropriation of forty-four dollars to complete the amount necessary for the piano.

VACANCIES.

The terms of Gilman L. Parker and Ellen M. Bancroft, members of the Committee, expire at the ensuing town meeting.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The Committee recommends the sum of $18,500 for regular school expenses, $3,500 for school incidentals, $1,000 for salary of Superintendent, $500 for manual training, $500 for repairs on High School.

Adopted in School Committee February 3, 1900.

WALTER S. PARKER, *Chairman*,
HORACE G. WADLIN,
ELLEN M. BANCROFT,
HENRY C. PARKER,
MARY T. NESMITH,
GILMAN L. PARKER, *Secretary*.

READING, Feb. 3, 1900.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Committee of the Town of Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen:

Herewith is respectfully submitted my first annual report, which is the seventh in the period of superintendency of the schools of Reading.

In considering the question of education in our public schools we must ever keep in mind the threefold nature of the pupils to be educated, and the work of supervision should be carried on with a proper regard for the physical, the mental, and the moral or spiritual well-being of the children.

Regarding the physical development of our pupils it is gratifying to report that in most of the schools an effort is made to secure proper exercise of the muscles by means of work in physical culture, and we hope to be able to report still greater attention given to this part of the work in the future.

Exercises of this kind, however, cannot wholly offset the evil effects of using desks and seats which do not allow a comfortable position while sitting, and to this phase of the work of supervision my attention was called directly upon entering upon my duties, July 1, 1899.

Upon the recommendation of my predecessor, it was decided to provide new seats for the Lowell Street school, and in effecting the change it was practical to throw out the cast-iron supports of the desks and seats designed for grammar grades, and replace

them with those designed for primary grades, and by a small outlay for finishing the desk tops, the room presents an attractive appearance at about one-half the cost of entirely new furniture.

The school rooms at both Union Street and Prospect Street showed the same lack of adaptation to the grade of pupils occupying them, and it affords me pleasure to be able to report that during the holiday vacation of a week it became possible to effect a change of the cast-iron fittings, so that now nearly one-half of them have been replaced by adjustable fittings and the children are now properly accommodated.

There now remain only the Chestnut Hill school and the Main Street school which should be treated in like manner during the summer vacation, when the tops can be refinished at the same time, and I recommend this for your consideration.

With the furnishing of one of the lower rooms in the High School building with adjustable furniture, just after the opening of school in September, I leave the matter of special attempt to secure an improvement in the physical conditions under which the teachers and pupils are required to do their work.

In connection with the thorough repair of the interior of Union Street and Prospect Street schools, it seemed specially fitting to expend more than the usual amount of money upon the repair of the desk tops, and, accordingly, the work of refinishing them was decided upon and, as a result, the year's work began with everything about those rooms looking bright and fresh as new.

The value of such surroundings can hardly be appreciated by those who are not familiar with the principles underlying the development of character in children.

We endeavor in these days to create a love for the beautiful in art and in nature, as we provide for the mural decoration of our school rooms and encourage the children to bring the beautiful flowers to school and interest them in the glowing sunsets, in connection with nature study. All this is designed to reach the spirit-

nal side of the child's nature and to lead upward to an appreciation of those things that are in keeping with homes of refinement and culture.

How little is the influence of these fine pictures compared with what it should be, when a child is forced to use a desk that bears the markings of two or more generations of pupils who have previously occupied it!

While it may be true that the lower grade pupils may be more susceptible to this influence than the older ones, even High School pupils are not beyond this. Accordingly it seemed best to repair the desks in the High School at considerable expense, in order to allow the silently working influence of environment to reinforce the requests and suggestions of the teachers in their efforts to secure conduct in keeping with that culture which properly constitutes a prominent feature in the life of the modern High School. It is to be hoped that the efforts of our special teacher in drawing to develop a love and appreciation for works of art will continue to be encouraged by the committee and by the patrons of the schools, as calls shall be made from time to time for additional decorations for the various school rooms. The proper setting will be provided by the committee under the work of repairs.

NEW ROOMS.

Upon the opening of the schools, September 5th, it soon became evident that another room must be fitted up in the Highland School, if the pupils were to derive the benefit of well graded schools, and it was decided to open another room. As a result the teachers are enabled to carry on their work most advantageously and the progress of the pupils is correspondingly marked.

With the admission of the new pupils at the opening of the spring term, April 9th, it will be necessary to provide additional room, for the records show that the present enrollment in the primary rooms will not allow the admission of practically an additional room

of primary pupils, and I would urge upon your attention prompt consideration of this matter.

TRANSPORTATION.

Upon consultation with the people of Haverhill Street district, it was decided to transport the pupils of that school to the town schools. Your generous proposal to transport the pupils morning, noon, and night, was more liberal than most towns offer, and with the increase of numbers from pupils who otherwise would have walked to the town schools, it became impossible to carry it out for the four winters months, with the funds available. The success of the undertaking is apparent to all who mark the effect upon the pupils who are thus brought in competition with more of their own age, and into schools where the work of each grade is carried out more thoroughly than is possible in small schools with more than three grades.

COURSE OF STUDY.

Coming now to the consideration of the intellectual work of the schools, I wish first to refer to the change in the High School course of study. It was thought best to substitute Tarr's Elementary Physical Geography for the former work in Geology and Astronomy in the science work of the senior class.

Apparatus has been purchased for conducting the work in Physics and Chemistry along the lines of the Harvard requirements, and already the pupils are manifesting an increasing interest which augurs well for their success in these subjects.

Early in the present school year your attention was called to the desirability of extending the commercial work of the school, and the approval of the committee was manifested by a vote to add to the curriculum Typewriting and Stenography.

In accordance with this vote the work in Bookkeeping has been carried on in a way to lead up to these subjects at the proper

time, and considerable thought has been given to the matter of a commercial course. The addition of this line of work will necessitate the employment of another teacher, but we feel that the enrollment of over one hundred and fifty warrants our recommendation of this addition to the teaching corps of the High School.

In the lower grade work it is a pleasure to report that the teachers have been accomplishing excellent results in spite of having insufficient material in some lines. With Baldwin's Physiology and Tarbell's Language Series now in the hands of the pupils, we can reasonably expect still better results in these subjects.

ARITHMETIC.

In the teaching of Arithmetic great gain has been made in the last ten years, and the lines in which this advance has been made are in the concrete work of the lower grades, and in the adaptation of the work under different topics to the mental capacity of the child.

By the former plan the sense training of the Kindergarten is carried into the work of the primary grades, and by use of blocks of suitable shapes and sizes the definite idea of ratio is established experimentally, and an excellent foundation is laid for the complete mastery of the multiplication tables through a clearer appreciation of the ratios concerned.

The Speer number work gives special help for this development, and the work in first and second grades would be greatly strengthened by the use of the Speer number blocks. I recommend the purchase of a set of these for each primary building.

Adaptation to the capacity of the pupil is accomplished by what is called the "spiral plan" in numbers. Several series of arithmetics constructed on this plan are now available, but the series that specially commends itself to the writer is the Werner Arithmetic, whose author has happily combined, in his first book, the development of the ratio idea, which is emphasized by the Speer Arithmetic, and the introduction of various topics, as whole

numbers, fractions, decimals, measurements or compound numbers, and percentage. By both of these plans the pupils are continually trained to an accurate use of the senses, to an exercise of the imagination in connection with surfaces and solids of various forms, and are given the least possible opportunity to fall into a mechanical way of performing the operations needed in the practical affairs of life.

I recommend that the first book of the Werner Arithmetic be placed in third and fourth grades to supplement the material now used.

GEOGRAPHY.

Upon taking up my work last July I found that an exchange had been effected with the Frye Primary Geography, the Frye Elementary having been taken in its place. As the new book is an improvement upon the old in a general way and especially in having in the latter portion a supplement on the United States, I wish to submit for your consideration the plan of using this book in the sixth grade, using chiefly the supplement on the United States. This would defer the use of the Complete Geography till the seventh grade, when the pupils are better able to comprehend it.

READING.

In considering the work of our schools in reading it is a pleasure to be able to report a good supply of good supplementary material in the primary grades. A continuance of your liberal appropriation for suitable material for the grammar grades will put this department of the work in a very satisfactory condition.

Reading should hold the first place in the work of the primary grades and even beyond those grades, for this is the study that makes possible the best results in nearly all lines of school work. In no other study can a teacher do so much toward developing a taste for good reading and so toward forming a high appreciation for the best in literature, the best in life.

With the materials that will soon be available it will be possible to outline a course in reading that will be well adapted to the ability of the pupils in the different grades.

NATURE STUDY.

The work in Nature Study is carried on with a good degree of interest, but still better results will be obtained when a greater variety is secured for the pupils of different grades. Time and experience, together with suitable reference aids, will bring about improvement here.

MANUAL TRAINING.

I noticed in the last annual report of your superintendent a plea for the establishment of a course in Manual Training. I wish to emphasize all he expressed there regarding the educational value of this subject. For the higher grades a special plant is necessary to carry out the work designed to be finished at a carpenter's bench. With a splendid room available in the basement of the Highland School it seems to me that the wisest course for the committee to pursue is to make an appeal to the voters and endeavor to secure the needed funds to add this department to our school system. This work, however, does not concern simply those grades that would make use of the carpenter's bench. From the lowest primary grade through the High School there is a legitimate place for a great variety of exercises that are designed to train the hand, such as card sewing, mat weaving, paper cutting and pasting, card board cutting, whittling, bench work with wood and iron, sewing, cooking, and pattern cutting. The chief reason for introducing this work does not lie in the utilitarian view of specially fitting for some trade requiring this preliminary training, but in the nature of the child's mental development. By means of this work the senses are trained, thus developing the cells throughout all those portions of the brain that are exercised, specially the motor regions. This

means for the individual greater ease in adapting himself to different kinds of work at any time of life, and this at the same time gives a sense of independence, a confidence in one's ability to succeed in difierent callings if circumstances require. Again, by the development of these cells in various portions of the brain, a reserve of mental power is acquired, for by fine interlacings of nerves these cells are able to contribute their energy to other cells that are overtaxed at any time. Thus a preparation for the difficult problems of life is laid in the variety of mental activities secured by a variety of muscular activities as well as by exercises distinctly mental.

Education in general seeks two ends, viz.: knowledge and power in the individual. In the education derived mainly from books, in the past, the knowledge side was emphasized, while in those studies that require the handling of tools and the manipulation of apparatus special effort is made to develop power.

I recommend the introduction of such work in Manual Training as shall be found consistent with substantial work in the three R's and possible with the funds available for the purpose.

MORAL TRAINING.

Thus far we have dwelt upon the physical and the intellectual phases of our school work. Our work, however, does not end with these. Our pupils are daily growing in age and in experience, and a responsibility is laid upon all who have charge of their education to provide for a right development of the higher nature, the moral and spiritual. I would not be understood as considering that this should receive attention at special times and by special means only. I believe that from all the exercises of the school an unconscious influence comes into the lives of the pupils to make or mar their future happiness according to the impression made at the time. Because of this the teacher should keep in mind constantly the moral effect of the methods followed in connection with all school work. — Does this plan lead the pupils to accurate thinking? Is

truthfulness inculcated by this exercise? Are the pupils led to thoughtfulness for others by this habit of moving about the room?—These and similar questions will frequently arise in the mind of the teacher who seeks the highest good for the pupils. The work in arithmetic and language should tend to make pupils careful to tell the truth both with figures and with words. The reading lesson will often afford opportunities to bring home other qualities of heart that will appeal strongly to the child of tender conscience and of sympathetic nature. These things should not be neglected nor suffered to be exercised by chance, but should be eagerly taken advantage of by the teacher to develop the best qualities of heart. One helpful means to this end is the organization of a Band of Mercy in connection with the regular work of each school. Its objects are of the highest order—purity, truthfulness, politeness, reverence for old age, and kindness to the lower animals being among those which the American Humane Education Society seeks to promote through this organization, the Band of Mercy.

It was gratifying to find that the agent of the society, Mr. Adoniram Judson Leach, had organized these bands in the schools of Reading, last spring, and thus the teachers had been instructed in the use of a very effective means for guiding our youth into these higher planes of thought and action.

In the higher grades particularly the organization affords an excellent opportunity for making the pupils familiar with the duties of the various officers of the local band. By arranging a literary program from the regular work of the school, the meetings held every four or six weeks, for election of officers, may be made very interesting, and contribute much toward a training in public speaking and a knowledge of parliamentary practice.

EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATES.

It may not be known generally that the law relating to age and schooling certificates, or to the employment of children between

fourteen and sixteen years of age, fairly bristles with fines to secure its rigid enforcement.

The following are the fines imposed for violation of the law: $50.00 fine for the employer who employs a child under 16 years of age without the certificate, also for the person who has under his control a person of this age who shall permit such a child to enter the employment of any; from $5.00 to $20.00 a day for the employer who continues the service of any child contrary to law, after being notified by a truant officer or factory inspector; $10.00 for the employer who shall withhold from the child the certificate after the child has left his service, or in case the certificate is not claimed, shall fail to return the same to the superintendent of schools; a fine not to exceed $50.00 for the person authorized to sign the certificate, who shall certify to any materially false statement.

The employment ticket stating that the signer *intends to employ* must be presented *before* the certificate is signed by the superintendent.

The child and one parent or guardian must both appear in order to secure the certificate.

The employment ticket may be obtained at the office from the principal or from the janitor any school day.

The Superintendent will be at the office from 5 to 5.30 p. m., and later if notified, on Tuesday and Friday of each school week. For vacation weeks a special appointment may be made without difficulty by addressing a postal card to the Superintendent of Schools.

REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

From the experience of the past we learn how important it is to heed the regulations relating to the observance of quarantine in case of contagious diseases.

Pupils who have been kept from school because of contagious disease will not be allowed to return to school or to ride in the barge until they show the permit of the Board of Health or of the attending physician.

SUPPORT OF THE SCHOOLS.

Statistics show that the tax rate for school purposes in Reading is the average rate throughout the county, while the efficiency of your schools is above the average, a fact that speaks well for the administration of school affairs in the past. If the efficiency of the schools shall be increased, if the commercial course in the High School and Manual Training in the grades are to become realized, a larger appropriation will be necessary. Our schools must move forward and take on those characteristics which mark the most progressive schools in the State, and when this is possible with so slight an increase of the tax for school purposes, I feel sure this people will gladly vote to sustain their committee in everything that shall increase the efficiency of the schools.

I wish to call the attention of the committee to one item of the statistics submitted:

A comparison of the number under "average membership" in this report with that of '98, shows a gain of 71 pupils, 26 of whom are found in the enrollment of the High School, leaving 45 for the new room, which was opened in October.

The reports of the special teachers and of the principal of the High School contain recommendations which, if followed, will greatly improve the work.

I think you will all concur with me in the opinion that the efficiency of these teachers in their respective lines of work entitles their suggestions to a careful consideration.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation of the support given me by the committee, and of the whole-hearted manner shown by the teachers in taking up the work of the year under new conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

MELVILLE A. STONE.

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.

To the Superintendent:

The report of the High School for the year ending December 22, 1899, is respectfully presented.

The number of pupils not enrolled in any other school during the year has been 143; the per cent. of attendance, 96; the number of pupils admitted from the grammar grade, 52; from other schools, 3. These and other items of interest are given in the list of high school statistics, to which your attention is directed.

Last June a class of twenty-four was graduated; seven of this number have entered higher institutions of learning.

The pupils have manifested a commendable degree of interest in their studies and have co-operated with the teachers to make school work pleasant and profitable.

The subjects to be taught have been assigned largely in accordance with the departmental plan. The specialization of our work is essential in order to secure the best results.

The different departments of instruction and their aims have been outlined in previous reports. It has been my constant effort as well as that of my associate teachers to maintain in the school a high standard of excellence both in scholarship and in conduct. The special reports of the supervisors of Drawing and of Music make it necessary for me only to make mention of the excellent results attained in these branches of study.

I wish in this report to refer more especially to the relation of the high school to the lower grades, to the desirability of the introduction into our school of a full commercial course, and of the fur-

ther modification of our course of study so as to meet more fully the individual needs of our pupils.

The difficulties which all our pupils have felt in the period of transition from the grammar grade to the high, have been lessened by the introduction into the grammar grades of studies formerly begun only in the high school. Logically continuous and progressive courses of study in English, Mathematics, and Science, in the grammar grades, will enable, as Secretary Hill has suggested, the high school to fit "with increasing closeness into the general system."

In my last report I recommended the establishment in our school of a commercial course. I am pleased to note that action favorable to such a proposition has been taken by the committee. A commercial course will, I believe, increase the usefulness of the school to the community. A good education in English with a knowledge of one or more of the commercial branches will very greatly assist any young man or young woman in the "struggle for bread and butter." In addition to the pupils of the entering class who are studying book-keeping, twenty in the upper classes have expressed a desire to pursue one or more of the commercial studies.

In my judgment, our school should offer a course of two years' work in Book-keeping, one year's in Business Arithmetic and Correspondence, two years' in Stenography, one year's in Typewriting and one in Commercial Law and Commercial Geography.

I desire also, at this time, to ask your consideration of the advisability of further modifying our course of study so as to offer a wider range of choice to differ tastes and capacities. At present we have four parallel courses of study, any one of which the pupils may elect. I would recommend a course of study which should offer a carefully determined minimum of required studies for all pupils, with electives from a supplementary list. Such a plan would not ignore the worth and the necessity of both knowledge and discipline, but would duly subordinate these essentials to the pupil's ca-

pacity to receive them. Accordingly, in pursuance of this object, I will submit, in the near future, a course of study similar to those recently adopted in several of the high schools of this State.

In concluding this report, I desire to express my appreciation of the cordial support which the school has received from those offiially interested in its welfare; also, from the parents of the pupils, and our citizens, through whose liberality the school is maintained.

F. E. WHITTEMORE,

Principal.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING.

To the Superintendent:

Great progress has been made by the youngest pupils this year, through the use of colored crayons. These have proved to be a simple, practical medium and have produced satisfactory results. Color has been such a pleasure and inspiration to the children, that the effort to represent an object has become easy and unconscious. Some very interesting drawings of flowers, berries, pottery and even pose drawings from life have been made with delightful freedom. Increased facility with the brush has been developed in the grammar grades, and a sustained interest and earnest effort has been manifested in the High School throughout the year.

I gladly acknowledge the hearty co-operation of all the teachers. Their conscientious effort to carry out suggestions, and to supplement them by correlating drawing with other studies is much appreciated, as is also their faithful attendance at teachers' meetings.

Our exhibition of school work which has been held bi-annually for eight years, occurred this year, and was attended as usual, by a large number of interested and appreciative friends.

From this exhibit a small number of mounts, illustrating the course pursued in the different grades, was prepared for the State Exhibition of Drawing. These were all accepted and several retained to form a part of the Massachusetts exhibit at Paris, in 1900.

The study of pictures has been conducted in a more systematic way this year. Two artists have been assigned to each of the up-

per grades, that there may be no repetition in the study, and that the choice of subjects may be suited to the age of the pupils. Some artists whose works have been considered are Landseer, Le Rolle, Bonheur, Reynolds, Millet, Boughton, Rubens, Hofmann, Raphael and Tadema.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE B. PARKER,

Supervisor of Drawing.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

Mr. M. A. Stone, Supt. of Schools, Reading, Mass.:

During the year past, I have followed much the same line of teaching music as reported in previous years. There is a steady growth in the power to read music intelligently. Quality of tone, rhythm, and intervals, are constantly taught and reviewed, keeping in mind the mental activity of the children.

Besides this we seek to develop the true musical taste and feeling. The children are also being trained to follow the director, and this power they will find of value to them later in life.

The most important musical event of the year was the entertainment given by the pupils of the Highland School in the Old South Church, in celebration of Dewey Day. The special object being to raise funds for a piano for the new building. About three hundred and fifty children took part in singing the patriotic songs of the different nations, including England, France, Russia, Germany, Scotland, Ireland, and America. With the gay costumes and many colored flags it was a picture worthy of note, and the singing was justly commendable.

It has never been my pleasure to conduct such a responsive and willing chorus, and the large audience present showed their appreciation in such a way that several encores were necessary. The chorus was assisted by Miss Ruby Cutter, soprano; Miss Mary Pratt, pianist; Mr. Edward Bancroft, baritone; Mr. Arthur Austin, tenor; Mr. Harry Wells, violinist; Miss Charlotte Parker and Mrs. W. H. Kingman, accompanists.

The sum realized by sale of tickets for this concert was over

three hundred dollars, and this amount with the assistance from the school committee, and a few friends, has enabled the school to possess a new Miller Ideal Grand piano, which is enjoyed by the whole school.

In order that the pupils in the upper grades may become better acquainted with the life and works of the Great Masters of music, I have suggested that Mr. Louis G. Elson's book on modern composers be read to the children.

The High School singing at graduation was worthy of mention, it being the best since my being in Reading. This was in a great measure due to the genuine interest and work during the year.

A selected chorus of children from the Highland School sang for the Grand Army Post on Memorial day, in an acceptable way.

Without the hearty support of the committee, and the earnest work of the teachers, the good work in music could not be done, and I wish to thank all for their help.

F. W. ARCHIBALD,
Supervisor of Music.

REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICERS.

To the School Committee of the Town of Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your truant officers respectfully submit their annual report.

Whole number of absentees reported	13
Those reported more than once	5
Found to be cases of truancy	7
Detained at home by parents	5
Not found	1
Found to be insufficiently clothed	3

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERIC D. MERRILL,

ARTHUR E. DAVIS,

Truant Officers.

JANITORS.

NAME.	SCHOOLS.	SALARY.
D. C. Sanborn,	High, Union St., John St.	$440
Clement Gleason,	Highland	700
Timothy Cummings,	Prospect St.	120
Charles F. Bessom,	Lowell St.	50
O. H. Brown,	Chestnut Hill	80
Samuel E. Killam,	Main St.	40

GRADUATING EXERCISES,

CLASS OF 1899,

READING HIGH SCHOOL,

Old South M. E. Church,

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 21.

PROGRAMME.

IL VAINC QUI SE VAINC.

PRAYER, ...

REV. JOSEPH CANDLIN.

SINGING, The Voyagers

SALUTATORY AND ESSAY, The Last Gladiatorial Combat

MARY HATTIE BARR.

THEORIES OF OUR GOVERNMENT,

CARL MASON SPENCER.

SINGING, The Madrigal

THOREAU'S EXPERIMENT AT WALDEN,

BERTHA FAY DRAKE.

THE UNIVERSAL PEACE IMPULSE,

ROBERT ARTHUR JEWETT.

SINGING, The Pilgrim Fathers

CLASS PROPHECY,

EDNA MARION BANCROFT.

MUSIC, Selected

AMORITA CLUB.

TERRITORIAL GROWTH OF THE UNITED STATES,

FRED MILTON COOK.

CHARACTER REVEALED,

FANNIE AMANDA TAYLOR.

SINGING, The Rhine-Raft Song

VALEDICTORY ESSAY, Rappacini's Daughter

LENA BANCROFT NICHOLS.

VALEDICTORY,

GRACE BANCROFT NICHOLS.

SINGING, The Gallant Troubadour

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS,

MR. WALTER S. PARKER.

NAMES OF GRADUATES.

ENGLISH COURSE.

Charles Burroughs Bowman,
John Edward Connelly,
Fred Milton Cook,
Robert Albion Carter,
Annie Lowry Phillips.
Margaret Flint,
Ethel Damon Gleason,
Winthrop Ernest Pratt,

LATIN-SCIENTIFIC COURSE.

Edna Marion Bancroft,
Mabel Elizabeth Bancroft,
Mary Hattie Barr,
Bertha Fay Drake,
Sadie Veronica Foley,
Alyce Mae Haley,
Blanche Lillian Kingman,
Louise Kittredge,
Grace Bancroft Nichols,
Lena Bancroft Nichols,
Grace Eugenia Sanborn,
Carl Mason Spencer,
Fannie Amanda Taylor.

INSTITUTE COURSE.

Allan Hanscomb Barrows,
Robert Arthur Jewett,
Harold Viall Palmer.

GRADUATES FROM GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Abbott, Ruby H.
Alger, Gertrude W.
Amsden, Lilian K.
Bailey, Edward S.
Bancroft, Frank B.
Bell, Elizabeth J.
Bickford, Frank C.
Boyd, Emma J.
Brooks, Mabel D.
Bruorton, Elinor E.
Canty, Margaret
Chase, Lucius W.
Clement, Ralph B.
Crafts, Lawrence H.
Damon, Maude C.
Day, Fred M.
Dodge, Walter E.
Downes, Leon B.
Eaton, Elsie F.
Eaton, Wilfred P.
Emerson, Helen A.
Emerson, Eva A.
Gay, William H.
Granger, Clover
Harkness, Florence C.
Hill, Charles H.
Hodson, Robert H.
Horrocks, Flora B.
Howard, Ethel H.
Hutchins, Frank C.
Killam, Edith A.
Livingston, Arthur
Meuse, Florence M.
Miller, Fred H.
Miller, W. E. Erskine
Morrison, W. Homer
Nason, Arthur O.
Nichols, Chester W.
Parker, Bessie M.
Poock, Charles A.
Pratt, Elsie M.
Putnam, Alice M.
Putnam, Inez E.
Ramsay, Flora M.
Riddell, E. Arthur
Roberts, Helen A.
Robinson, Sadie A.
Rollins, Mildred M.
Rogers, Bessie V.
Sherman, Charlotte E.
Skillen, Hattie F.
Smith, Ermina J.
Smith, Harry E.
Soper, Leona
Spencer, Herbert O.
Stimpson, George
Turner, Ethelind W.
Walsh, Richard J.
Wall, T. Edward
Weston, Philip S.
Whall, Thomas J.
Webb, Frank
Willis, Lizzie
Vanhon, G. Thomas

STATISTICS TAKEN FROM REPORT TO THE STATE BOARD IN APRIL, 1899, AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN TOWN BETWEEN 5 AND 15 YEARS.

School census of May, 1890	611
" " " " 1891	629
" " " " 1892	666
" " " " 1893	692
" " " " 1894	771
" " " " 1895	804
" " " " 1896	794
" " " " 1897	864
" " " " 1898	845
" " " Sept., 1899	832
Number between 7 and 14 years Sept., 1899	648
Length of school year	40 weeks
Days lost—stormy weather, holidays, etc.	11
Actual length of school year	37.8 wks.

	1896	1897	1898	1899
Total enrollment from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31	929	1018	981	1093
Total enrollment in May	799	843	829	882
Total enrollment in October	848	895	864	946
Average number belonging in May	780.3	822.9	807	861.6
Average number belonging in October	815.7	841.7	850.6	909.5
Average number belonging in year	782.5	851.2	833.8	852.8
Average daily attendance for the year	733.6	802.2	789.3	807.6
Per cent. of attendance for the year	93.7	94.2	93.8	94.7

Average number in each of the eight grades.

I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
120	103	102	85	108	72	93	67

Number of books belonging to the town 8,597

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899
Whole No. of pupils during year	138	158	156	171	183	187	195
Largest No. at one time . .	118	124	126	142	138	140	149
Number admitted during year .	40	50	44	55	42	66	55
" from Grammar School .	36	44	39	50	36	60	52
" from other schools .	4	6	5	5	6	6	3
" graduated . . .	7	20	11	15	18	15	24
" of post graduates .	0	3	1	1	1	1	5
" unclassified . . .			3	2	7	1	1
" enrolled December, 1899	108	114	118	139	122	140	147
" of boys . . .	41	44	41	58	53	60	61
" of girls . . .	67	70	77	91	69	80	86
" in English Course .	45	39	22	34	50	53	71
" in Latin-English Course	46	52	70	81	63	79	63
" in College Preparatory .	14	15	21	18	7	5	5
" in Institute . . .	4	8	5	6	2	3	3
" in first class when it entered the school .	49	49	52	58	44	63	58
" in first class, December .	45	49	46	56	40	66	56
" in second class when it entered the school .	42	49	49	52	58	44	63
" in second class, December	27	25	34	35	32	23	46
" in third class when it entered the school .	28	42	49	49	52	58	44
" in third class, December	16	25	19	28	28	24	17
" in fourth class when it entered the school .	37	28	42	49	49	52	58
" in fourth class, December	20	12	15	18	15	25	23

TEACHERS IN SERVICE, WHERE EDUCATED, AND YEAR WHEN FIRST APPOINTED.

ALSO ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE FOR THE TERM ENDING DEC. 22, 1899.

School	Grade	Teacher	Where Educated	Year Appointed	Salary	Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance	Number of cases of Tardiness	Number neither Absent nor Tardy
High	XII	F. E. Whittemore, Principal	Brown University	1891	$1,700	151	147	142	96.6	17	65
"	XI	Christine M. Scott	Salem Normal	1895	800						
"	X	Sarah T. Kurt	Wesleyan University	1897	750						
"	IX	Mary A. Whitney	Wellesley College	1897	700						
"	special	Maude A. Bonner	Brown University	1899	600						
Highland	VIII	Alice Barrows, Principal	Bridgewater Normal	1880	850	37	34	33	97.1	7	12
"	VIII	Grace M. Dennison	Wellesley College	1898	600	35	34	32	94.1	9	7
"	VII	Frances M. Wilson	Salem Normal	1885	500	49	45	43	95.5	4	16
"	VII	Emma S. Page	N. H. State Normal	1899	500	47	47	44	93.6	15	8
"	VI	Mary W. Baker	Salem Normal	1899	400	59	43	41	95.3	43	6
"	VI-V	Mary A. Perkins	Bridgewater Normal	1899	450	new room	38	37	97.4	9	7
"	V	Florence E. Hunter	Castleton Normal	1898	450	53	48	43	89.2	30	5
"	V-IV	Mary E. Barnes	Boston English High	1899	400	50	45	42	93.3	15	4
"	IV	Helen A. Parker	Reading High	1898	375	51	42	40	95.2	34	6
Union St.	III	Laura C. Pollard	Salem Normal	1899	450	48	49	47	95.9	7	10
"	III-II	M. Grace Wakefield	Salem Normal	1890	400	49	46	43	95.7	13	5
"	II-I	Annie P. Reid	Reading High	1884	400	50	47	43	91.5	14	8
"	I	Myra K. Parker	Reading High	1898	375	40	37	35	94.6	42	2
John St.	I	Lillian E. Tibbetts	Chelsea High	1897	450	40	36	33	91.7	17	0
Chestnut Hill	VI-IV	Isabel M. Wetherell	Woburn Training	1899	400	31	29	28	96.5	28	3
"	III-II-I	Jessie E. Dyer	Quincy Training	1896	400	30	26	25	96.1	45	6
Prospect St.	IV-III	A. Gertrude Demsey	Salem Normal	1892	450	37	33	32	96.9	6	4
"	II-I	Alice G. Haskell	Kindergarten Training	1899	400	44	40	36	90.	24	1
Lowell St.	III-II-I	Cora J. Jaquith	Salem Normal	1898	350	30	26	25	96.1	16	4
Main St.	VI-I	Alice M. Day	Townsend High	1897	350	14	11	10	90.9	0	4
Supervisor of Drawing		Annie B. Parker	Prang's Normal	1892	400						
						945	905	854	94.4		
Supervisor of Music		Fred. A. Archibald	Holt's Inst. of Vocal Harmony		600						

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Appropriations:

General, for teachers, janitors and fuel,	$17,500 00	
Contingent, for incidental expenses and for books and supplies	3,000 00	
Sundry receipts	53 10	
For superintendent of schools	975 00	
Total receipts		$21,628 10
Paid for teachers, janitors and fuel	17,229 43	
Paid incidental expenses	1,940 60	
Paid for books and supplies	1,247 37	
Paid superintendent of schools	1,087 50	
Transportation	128 00	
Total expenses		$21,532 80
Balance		104 80
General appropriation		$17,500 00
Paid teachers	$14,158 75	
Paid janitors	1,450 14	
Paid fuel	1,620 54	
Paid transportation	128 00	
		$17,357 43
Balance		142 57
Appropriation for incidental expenses and for books and supplies	$3,000 00	
Sundry receipts	53 10	
	$3,053 10	
Paid incidental expenses	$1,940 60	
" books and supplies	1,247 37	
	$3,187 97	
Overdraft		$134 87
Balance		7 70

Salary of Superintendent of Schools . .

Overdraft $112 59

This overdraft on salary is due to paying on the last of each calendar month instead of at the close of each school month.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

PAID TEACHERS.

F. E. Whittemore	$1,700 00
Christine M. Scott	800 00
Sarah T. Kurt	720 00
Mary A. Whitney	640 00
Frances M. Smith	180 00
Maud A. Bonner	405 00
Alice M. Barrows	820 00
Frances M. Wilson	500 00
Grace M. Dennison	540 00
Nina A. Duley	75 00
F. B. Wight	210 00
Emma S. Page	200 00
Ida M. Kimball	270 00
Florence E. Hunter	450 00
A. Helena Burnham	180 00
Mary W. Baker	240 00
Helen A. Parker	360 00
Laura C. Pollard	380 00
Lucy E. Morgan	45 00
M. Grace Wakefield	400 00
Annie P. Reid	400 00
Myra K. Parker	360 00
Lillian A. Tibbetts	420 00
A. Gertrude Dean	270 00
Amount carried forward	$10,565 00

Amount brought forward	$10,565 00	
Jessie E. Dyer	400 00	
Isabel M. Wetherell	160 00	
Mary E. Barnes	160 00	
Mary A. Perkins	78 75	
A. Gertrude Demsey	450 00	
Isabel M. Elliott	200 00	
Alice G. Haskell	200 00	
Alice M. Day	350 00	
Bertha W. Bryant	195 00	
Cora Jaquith	350 00	
Mary A. Sargent	50 00	
Annie B. Parker	400 00	
F. W. Archibald	600 00	
		$14,158 75

PAID TRANSPORTATION.

Borthwick Bros.	128 00	

PAID JANITORS.

Clement Gleason	666 64	
D. C. Sanborn	440 00	
Timothy Cummings	124 50	
L. Adelbert Frost	24 00	
Samuel Killam	56 00	
Charles F. Bessom	59 00	
O. H. Brown	80 00	
		$1,450 14

PAID FOR FUEL.

W. A. Allen	$38 75	
T. F. Gould	3 00	
Asa Parker	12 00	
Amount carried forward	$53 75	

Amount brought forward	$53 75	
H. E. Cox	5 00	
Calvin L. Martin	1,030 75	
Howard W. Batchelder	24 50	
A. Nichols	3 00	
Geo. E. Dow	58 50	
Wendell Bancroft & Co.	445 04	
		$1,620 54

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

O. O. Ordway,	$ 75	
Timothy Cummings	1 00	
Peoples Gas and Electric Light	6 75	
G. H. Atkinson	8 11	
Murphy, Leavens & Co.	22 63	
Fife Bros.	2 80	
W. H. Twombly & Sons	64 05	
N. W. Broad	4 96	
W. B. Badger & Co.	29 75	
Francis Bros.	208 95	
H. M. Viall, Cummings Express	31 90	
American Express Co.	10 81	
Electric Light and Power Department	3 01	
Reading Water Works	80 52	
Wm. Hazen Bancroft	2 25	
Geo. M. Stevens	25 00	
Copeland & Bowser	4 41	
Albert B. Franklin	21 46	
Reading Planing Mill	3 77	
Old South Church	40 50	
Geo. E. Gill	1 50	
S. W. Bowker	2 10	
Amount carried forward	$576 98	

Amount brought forward	$576 98
Henry M. Parker	3 00
F. D. Merrill	20 00
Shepard, Norwell	9 00
J. L. Hammett & Co.	8 00
H. C. Kendall	6 00
F. J. Barnard	5 45
Clement Gleason	3 40
Chas. E. Hussey	30 00
Jordan, Marsh & Co.	17 00
John Stock	23 00
Wendell Bancroft & Co.	24 47
Henry F. Miller & Sons	52 00
J. C. Wells & Co.	120 00
C. H. Russell	2 25
Standard Chemical Co.	10 53
Frank L. Johnson	20 05
C. A. Pickett	14 90
American School Furniture Co.	41 50
Chandler Adjustable Chair Co.	13 50
Mrs. A. M. Brown	4 20
Allen, Hall & Co.	189 75
A. W. Hodson	11 00
Heywood Bros. & Wakefield Co.	244 80
M. E. Nichols	160 57
D. C. Sanborn	3 00
Melville A. Stone	4 77
J. E. Bell	15 00
H. R. Johnson	94 92
M. S. Quinlan	158 96
S. E. Parker	40 00
Daniel Pratt's Son	12 60
	$1,940 60

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Edward E. Babb	$348 46
Silver, Burdett & Co.	48 45
Allyn & Bacon	24 84
Maynard, Merrill & Co.	42 84
D. C. Heath & Co.	19 57
D. L. Brownell	3 00
J. L. Hammett & Co.	145 05
Educational Publishing Co.	1 50
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.	5 05
T. H. Castor & Co.	7 04
Suffolk Ink Co.	5 00
Ginn & Co.	300 82
American Book Co.	51 36
Joseph Gillott & Co.	9 75
Thompson, Brown & Co.	3 00
Charles W. Homeyer	9 75
University Publishing Co.	4 00
Boston School Supply Co.	33 80
L'ech de la Semaine	2 40
F. E. Whittemore	6 15
N. J. Bartlett	15 00
Werner School Book Co.	4 00
Carter, Rice & Co.	8 94
Lillian A. Tibbetts	95
Dennison Manufacturing Co.	4 70
Williams & Rogers	25 20
E. C. Metcalf	3 35
H. C. Dimond & Co.	2 25
F. J. Barnard & Co.	67 33
Mineral Tablet Ink Co.	7 50
Amount carried forward	$1,210 05

Amount brought forward	$1,210 05	
Holden Patent Book Cover . . .	6 25	
Sulpho-Napthol Co.	12 50	
N. L. Wilson	1 00	
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co.	9 57	
Josef Sandburg	8 00	
		$1,247 37

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriation			$1,000 00
Proceeds of dog tax, 1898			402 99
EXPENDED.			
Rent.			
Odd Fellows' Building Association		$475 00	
Light.			
S. S. Bell, electric service		33 03	
Salaries.			
L. S. Cox, librarian	$300 00		
Jessie Grouard, assistant	26 00		
B. Y. Smith, janitor	30 00		
		$356 00	
Books.			
C. E. Lauriat Company	$427 90		
E. H. Hames & Co.	4 00		
H. M. Meek	2 00		
E. E. Ball	3 60		
D. S. Brownell	3 00		
A. R. Taylor	3 00		
E. P. Boon	2 00		
A. W. Danforth, periodicals	33 50		
H. G. Wadlin, cash expended	16 00		
		$495 00	
Sundries.			
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing	$12 00		
F. J. Barnard, bookbinding	31 96		
		$43 96	
		$1,402 99	$1,402 99

FINE ACCOUNT.

Amount on hand Jan. 1, 1899	$67 43	
Received for catalogues	4 90	
Received for cards	3 30	
Received for fines	47 47	
		$123 10
Paid for binding	$16 64	
Paid for incidental supplies	4 62	
Paid for expressage	2 05	
Paid for new clock	12 00	
		$35 31
Balance		$87 79

The following volumes have been presented to the library:

NAMES OF DONORS.	NUMBER OF VOLUMES.	
United States, Documents and Reports	16	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	14	
Mrs. James Lodge	1	
Other sources	15	
	46	
Number of new volumes added		375
Total number in library		8,589
Circulation, year ending Jan. 1, 1900		16,520
Largest single month, March		1,840
Smallest, June		1,134

During the year the use of the reading tables has shown a slight increase. The list of periodicals taken was revised and enlarged by the addition of two or three new selections at the close of the subscription year.

A new supplementary catalogue has been prepared in manuscript, covering all accessions to the library since the prior bulletin was issued, and will be at once printed.

Recent purchases comprise not only current works of timely interest, but a considerable number of standard volumes in each of the departments, including such as were needed to complete sets in biography and history, already on our shelves. The trustees hope to arrange for the beginning of a card catalogue of at least one department, for example, history, during the coming year; and by subsequent work in the same direction gradually complete a card catalogue of the entire library. The work, of course, must proceed slowly, as our funds will not permit us to incur expenditures on this account at present, and whatever is done must be carried on gratuitously.

The trustees recommend the appropriation of $1000 and the proceeds of the dog tax for the support of the library during the coming year, this being the same appropriation as made in 1899.

Two vacancies occur in the board, to be filled at the annual town meeting, the terms of Harley Prentiss and Henry G. Kittredge expiring.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. WADLIN, *Chairman*,
F. E. WHITTEMORE,
HARLEY PRENTISS,
HENRY G. KITTREDGE,
J. WOODWARD MANNING,
CYRUS M. BARROWS, *Secretary*,
Trustees.

Reading, January, 1900.

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS.

	APPROP'ATION	SUNDRY CREDITS	TOTAL AMOUNT INCLUDING APPROP'ATION	EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED	OVERDRAWN
Salaries of Town Officers	$3,300 00		$3,300 00	$3,391 30		$91 30
Town Building and Office	250 00		250 00	246 81	$3 19	
Election Expenses	200 00		200 00	190 80	9 20	
Printing	500 00		500 00	479 20	20 80	
Abatement of Taxes	400 00		400 00	400 57		57
Estate of Eliza C. Swan				338 25		338 25
Charles W. Kelley				59 90		59 90
State Burial Agent's Account				70 00		70 00
Sarah F. Johnson, claim				200 00		200 00
Drinking Fountain	300 00		300 00	300 00		
Municipal Light and Power Plant						
Maintenance	4,500 00		4,500 00	4,500 00		
Interest on Bonds and Notes	2,372 50		2,372 50	2,372 50		
Construction	800 00		800 00	800 00		
Arc Lamp, Main and Pearl Streets	100 00		100 00	100 00		
Note, issue May 1, 1896	1,400 00		1,400 00	1,400 00		
Reduction of Debt	1,000 00		1,000 00	1,000 00		
School House Note		$2,000 00	2,000 00	2,000 00		
School House Bonds	1,000 00		1,000 00	1,000 00		
Interest on School House Notes	520 00		520 00	515 00	5 00	
Interest on School House Bonds	1,560 00		1,560 00	1,540 00	20 00	
Interest on Water Loan	2,410 00		2,410 00	2,410 00		
Reduction of Water Loan	7,000 00		7,000 00	7,000 00		
Hydrant Rentals	3,750 00		3,750 00	3,750 00		
Interest	600 00	1,724 04	2,324 04	1,766 96	557 08	
State and Military Aid	2,300 00		2,300 00	2,378 00		78 00
Soldiers' Relief	700 00		700 00	858 28		158 28
Soldiers' Relief Account, No. Reading				5 50		5 50
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,500 00	127 50	1,627 50	1,818 62		191 12
Highways, Bridges and Repairs of Sidewalks	5,500 00	59 01	5,559 01	5,559 01		
Concrete Gutters, Crosswalks and Paved Gutters	500 00	2 90	502 90	440 07	62 83	
Repairs of Concrete	200 00	295 62	495 62	495 62		
Concrete Sidewalks and Edgestones (abutters to pay one-half)	200 00	337 03	537 03	670 81		133 78

Howard Place		2,500 00	2,500 00	2,292 01	207 99	
Haven Street		1,001 05	1,001 05	997 83	3 22	
Grand Street, Harriman Avenue, Draining Pearl Street, Culvert, Curtis Street	1,100 00		1,100 00	1,085 48	14 52	
Wakefield & Stoneham St. Ry. Co		201 89	201 89	201 89		
Woburn & Reading St. Ry. Co		120 64	120 64	120 64		
Reading & Lowell St. Ry. Co		47 66	47 66	47 66		
Removal of Snow and Ice	1,200 00	149 66	1,349 66	1,349 66		
Fire Department	3,200 00		3,200 00	3,167 43	32 57	
Fire Alarm Box 27	50 00		50 00	48 76	1 24	
New Hose	250 00		250 00	250 00		
Laurel Hill Cemetery	900 00	160 00	1,060 00	1,062 33		2 33
Police Department	1,700 00	81 25	1,781 25	1,873 87		92 62
Overseers of the Poor Account	3,600 00	1,425 38	5,025 38	5,808 20		782 82
Commonwealth of Massachusetts				13 45		13 45
Town of North Reading		95 55	95 55	114 05		18 50
City of Waltham		69 13	69 13	93 13		24 00
Schools	17,500 00		17,500 00	17,357 43	142 57	
School Incidentals	3,000 00	55 60	3,055 60	3,190 47		134 87
Superintendent of Schools	975 00		975 00	1,087 50		112 50
Public Library	1,000 00	402 99	1,402 99	1,402 99		
	$77,337 50	$10,856 90	$88,194 40	$89,621 98	$1,080 21	$2,507 79
Overdrawn	$2,507 79					
Unexpended	1,080 21		$1,427 58			
Expenses for Year 1899			$89,621 98			
Add Temporary Loans			75,000 00			
Total Selectmen's Orders			$164,621 98			
Expenses above			$89,621 98			
Less Following Amounts Due on Account of Year 1899:						
State and Military Aid	2,282 00					
Estate Eliza C. Swan	338 25					
Geo. E. Horrocks, Guardian Chas. W. Kelly	59 90					
Account of Concreting	273 06					
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	13 45					
" " Mass., Account Burial Agent	70 00					
Town of North Reading	24 00					
City of Waltham	24 00	$3,084 66				
Less Amount of School House, Howard Place and Haven Street Notes		5,500 00	8,584 66			
Net Expenses			$81,047 32			

DR. EDWARD F. PARKER, TREASURER,

To cash in Treasury January 1, 1899		$981 32
To cash rec'd from State Treasurer, balance of Corporation Tax, 1898		224 52
" " " " National Bank Tax, 1898		25 76
" " " Corporation Tax, 1899		3,100 63
" " " National Bank Tax, 1899		697 59
" " " Military Aid, Chapt. 78 Acts 1894		96 00
" " " State Aid, Chapt. 301 Acts 1894		2,073 50
" " " " " " 500 " 1898		64 00
" " " Burial of Indigent Soldiers		70 00
" " " Street Rail Road Tax		471 14
" " " " " " Franchise Tax		536 35
" " " Support of State Paupers		59 14
" " Hired Money, temporary loans		75,000 00
" " " " Howard Place Loan		2,500 00
" " " " Haven Street Loan		1,000 00
" " " " School House Loans		2,000 00
" " Premium on school house note		11 60
" " County Treasurer, dog tax, 1898		402 99
" " Superintendent of Streets, material sold		23 09
" " " " " edgestone and concrete account		272 89
" " Overseers of the Poor, Almshouse account		916 99
" " Selectmen and Board of Health, license fees		24 50
" " Cash Paid Treasurer on orders drawn		703 68
" " Fourth District Court fines		73 00
" " Master of House of Correction fines		5 00
" " First National Bank, interest on deposits		141 25
" " Trustees of Cemetery, lots sold		160 00
" " Street Rail Roads Tax		485 15
" " Superintendent of Schools, material sold		15 30
" " Town of Stoneham, support of J. Bryant		15 00
" " " " North Reading, support of Charles McIntire		75 10
" " " " " " " " J. B. Smith		54 65
" " City of Waltham, " " Carey		30 00
" " " " " " " " Mrs. Perry		69 13
" " H. Burr Crandall, on account of estate sold for taxes		80 50
" " Estate of Charles A. Weston, cemetery bequest		100 00
" " Henry F. Parker, cemetery bequest		100 00
" " Sarah D. Eaton, " "		125 00
" " Heirs of James H. Bancroft, cemetery bequest		75 00
" " Edward F. Brooks, for old hearse		100 00
" " City of Woburn, snow and ice account		6 54
" " New England Telephone Co., highway account		2 75
" " H. E. Nichols		9 49
" " Police department, for services		3 25
" " Harley Prentiss, Collector, list 1896		25 40
" " " " " " 1897		10,259 23
" " " " " " 1898		17,647 62
" " H. M. Viall, " " 1899		55,325 00
" " " " Street Rail Road Excise Tax		191 82
		$176,430 87

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF READING, Cr.

By paying	County Treasurer,	County Tax		$4,119 81
" "	State "	State Tax		2,280 00
" "	" "	National Bank Tax		308 38
" "	Selectmen's orders			164,621 98
" "	Cash in Treasury Jan. 1, 1900			5,100 70
				$176,430 87

EDWARD F. PARKER, *Treasurer.*

Dr. EDWARD F. PARKER, Treasurer, IN ACCOUNT

To cash in Treasury January 1, 1899	$55 28
" received from water bonds sold	5,000 00
" " " premium on bonds sold	610 00
" " " interest accrued on bonds sold	9 33
" " " Water Commissioners	18,806 40
" " " First National Bank, interest	28 65
	$24,509 66

Dr. EDWARD F. PARKER, IN ACCOUNT WITH READ-

To cash in Treasury, Jan. 1, 1899	$724 38
" received from Electric Light Commissioners	13,961 22
" " " First National Bank, interest	2 95
	$14,688 55

WITH THE TOWN OF READING WATER SUPPLY, Cr.

By paying Water Commissioners' orders	$23,276 48
By cash in Treasury January 1, 1900	1,233 18
	$24,509 66

EDWARD F. PARKER, *Treasurer.*

ING ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER PLANT, Cr.

By paying Electric Light Commissioners' orders	$14,675 51
By cash in Treasury January 1, 1900	13 04
	$14,688 55

EDWARD F. PARKER, *Treasurer.*

AUDITORS' REPORT.

LIABILITIES.

Water bonds outstanding Jan. 1, 1900	$216,000 00
Interest accrued on water bonds	720 00
Electric light bonds outstanding Jan. 1, 1900	61,300 00
Interest accrued on electric light bonds	613 00
School bonds outstanding Jan. 1, 1900	51,000 00
Interest accrued on school bonds	850 00
Due to Fire Department (estimated)	950 00
Miscellaneous debts	595 80
Estate of Eliza C. Swan	38 04
Temporary loans	35,000 00
	$367,066 84

TRUST FUNDS.

Bequest of Nancy Wakefield	$100 00
" Thomas Sweetser	100 00
" Sabrina Nichols	100 00
" Martha Pike	25 00
" Sarah Batchelder	25 00
" George L. Smith	200 00
" Susan A. Martin	100 00
" T. T. Greenwood	500 00
" Mark M. Temple	100 00
Amount carried forward	$1,250 00

Amount brought forward		$2,510 00	$367,066 84
"	Susan Wright, Elizabeth Preston and Margaret Gilman .	75 00	
"	Elizabeth B. Eames and Ida L. Nelson	100 00	
"	Savina Coggin . . .	100 00	
"	Margaret Towne . . .	100 00	
"	Lucretia A. Hopkins and Elias Boardman	150 00	
"	Mrs. Sarah Smith . . .	100 00	
"	Gilman D. Kingman . .	100 00	
"	Rosamond C. Pratt . .	100 00	
"	Mary F. Harnden . . .	100 00	
"	Mary B. Wakefield . .	100 00	
"	P. Jane Batchelder . . .	100 00	
"	Arthur D. Kingman . .	50 00	
"	Estate of P. A. Corkins . .	100 00	
"	Dorinda R. Pratt . . .	200 00	
"	Mary Ann McAllister . .	100 00	
"	Gilman A. Coggin . . .	100 00	
"	Mary Ann McAllister for Joseph Bryant	50 00	
"	Miss Mary Evans . . .	50 00	
"	Frederic Bancroft . . .	31 90	
"	Estate Samuel Pierce . .	100 00	
"	D. W. Berry, executor . .	100 00	
"	William L. Crowe . . .	100 00	
"	Maria Carter	100 00	
"	George C. Coney . . .	100 00	
"	Heirs of Sherman Case . .	75 00	
"	Estate Isaac M. Clark . .	100 00	
Amount carried forward		$3,731 90	$367,066.84

Amount brought forward	$3,731 90	$367,066 84	
" " of Mary Butler . .	150 00		
" " Mary E. Badger .	100 00		
" " Heil J. Nelson .	200 00		
" " John Burrill . .	100 00		
" " F. O. Dewey . .	300 00		
" " S. H. Dinsmore .	100 00		
" Mrs. Mary J. Kimball . .	50 00		
" Alden Batchelder . . .	100 00		
" Estate Chas. A. Weston . .	100 00		
" Henry F. Parker . . .	100 00		
" Sarah D. Eaton . . .	100 00		
" Heirs of James H. Bancroft .	75 00		
Interest accrued on the above funds not yet expended	$219 15	$5,426 05	
		$372,492 89	

AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Unpaid taxes Oct. 1, 1898 . . .	$8,925 17	
Unpaid taxes Oct. 1, 1899 . . .	26,637 59	
Interest accrued on unpaid taxes . .	1,002 36	
Due from State Aid Account . . .	2,186 00	
" " Military Aid account . .	96 00	
" " Guardian of Charles W. Kelly	475 37	
" " Commonwealth of Mass. .	83 45	
" " Town of North Reading . .	24 00	
" " City of Waltham . . .	24 00	
" " Concreting	273 06	
		$39,727 00
Cash in Treasury	$4,991 77	

Amount brought forward	$4,991 77	$39,727 00
Cash in treasury water supply . .	1,233 18	
" " " electric light . .	13 04	
" " " Mass. school fund .	108 93	$6,346 92
		$46,073 92
Available assets in excess of liabilities, uncollected taxes and accounts due	$39,727 00	
Cash in Treasury	4,991 77	
		$44,718 77
Bills payable	$1,545 80	
Estate of Eliza C. Swan	38 04	
Interest on school bonds . . .	850 00	
Temporary Loans	35,000 00	
Interest on bequests	219 15	37,652 99
		$7,065 78

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Water Commissioners, and Electric Light Commissioners, and found satisfactory vouchers for all expenditures.

We have examined the accounts of the Town Clerk, Collector, and Treasurer, and found them correct.

EDGAR N. HUNT,
ALBERT P. DANE,
WALTER M. SCOTT.

BONDS AND NOTES OUTSTANDING

	SCHOOL	ELECTRIC LIGHT	WATER
May 1, 1900	$2,000 00	$1,400 00	
June 1, 1900			$7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1900	1,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1900		1,000 00	
March 9, 1901	5,000 00		
May 1, 1901	2,000 00	1,400 00	
June 1, 1901			7,000 00
July 15, 1901		1,000 00	
Aug. 1, 1901	2,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1901		1,000 00	
May 1, 1902		1,400 00	
June 1, 1902			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1902	2,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1902		1,000 00	
Nov. 27, 1902		2,500 00	
May 1, 1903		1,400 00	
June 1, 1903			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1903	2,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1903		1,000 00	
Nov. 27, 1903		1,000 00	
May 1, 1904		1,400 00	2,000 00
June 1, 1904			7,000 00
July 15, 1904		2,000 00	
Aug. 1, 1904	2,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1904		1,000 00	
May 1, 1905		1,400 00	
May 10, 1905	2,000 00		
June 1, 1905			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1905	2,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1905		2,000 00	
May 1, 1906		1,400 00	

	SCHOOL	ELECTRIC LIGHT	WATER
June 1, 1906			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1906	$2,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1906		$2,000 00	
June 1, 1907			$7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1907	2,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1907		2,000 00	
June 1, 1908			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1908	2,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1908		2,000 00	
June 1, 1909			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1909	3,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1909		2,000 00	
June 1, 1910			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1910	3,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1910		2,000 00	
June 1, 1911			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1911	3,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1911		2,000 00	
June 1, 1912			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1912	3,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1912		2,000 00	
June 1, 1913			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1913	3,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1913		2,000 00	
June 1, 1914			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1914	3,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1914		2,000 00	
June 1, 1915			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1915	3,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1915		2,000 00	
June 1, 1916			12,000 00
Oct. 1, 1916		2,000 00	

	SCHOOL	ELECTRIC LIGHT	WATER
June 1, 1917			12,000 00
Oct. 1, 1917		2,000 00	
June 1, 1918			12,000 00
Oct. 1, 1918		2,000 00	
June 1, 1919			12,000 00
Oct. 1, 1919		2,000 00	
June 1, 1920			12,000 00
Oct. 1, 1920		2,000 00	
June 1, 1921			12,000 00
Oct. 1, 1921		2,000 00	
June 1, 1922			12,000 00
Oct. 1, 1922		2,000 00	
June 1, 1923			10,000 00
Oct. 1, 1923		2,000 00	
June 1, 1924			10,000 00
Oct. 1, 1924		2,000 00	

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Reading—

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in Lyceum Hall, in said Reading, on Monday, the fifth day of March, A. D. 1900, at seven o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz.:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Water Commissioners, Municipal Light Board, Engineers of the Fire Department, Trustees of the Cemetery, Trustees of the Public Library, Auditors, Board of Health, Sewerage

Committee, Committee on Appropriations, and Committee on Amendment to By-Laws.

Art. 3. To bring in their votes on one ballot for Town Clerk, Selectmen, one member of Board of Assessors for three years, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Constables, one Water Commissioner for three years, one member of the Municipal Light Board for three years, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, two Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery for three years, one member of Board of Health for three years, Tree Warden for one year, three Auditors; also on separate ballot, two members of the School Committee for three years; also on separate ballot, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" each ballot to be received at the same time in separate boxes.

Art. 4. To choose all other necessary Town Officers, and to determine what instructions they will give the Town Officers.

Art. 5. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for schools, incidental school expenses, superintendent of schools, repairs of highways, bridges and sidewalks, removing snow and ice, concrete sidewalks and edgestones (provided abutters pay one-half), Fire Department, hydrant rentals, Forest Fire Wards, support of the poor, salaries of Town Officers, State and Military Aid, Soldiers' Relief, printing, abatement of taxes, town building, cemetery, public library, Memorial Day, Board of Health, care of Old South clock, interest account, interest on water loans, maintenance of the Water Works, service pipes, water rental for drinking fountains, care and improvement of the Common, Mayall Park and Elm Park, election expenses, concrete gutters, cross-walks and paved gutters, repairs of concrete, for committee on sewerage, and miscellaneous expenses.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-two hundred and seventy-six and fifty hundredths dollars, to pay the interest on bonds and notes issued for construc-

tion of the Municipal Light and Power Plant, for the year ending December 31, 1900.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five hundred dollars, and appropriate the receipts of the plant, together with cash on hand, for maintenance of the Municipal Light and Power Plant for the year ending December 31, 1900, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for construction and extension of the Municipal Light and Power Plant for the year ending December 31, 1900, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will rescind the vote passed at the Special Town Meeting held November 7, 1899, under Article 6 of the Warrant, calling said meeting, viz.: "Voted, that the Town do extend the water pipes as called for, and that the Water Commissioners be instructed to lay said pipes from Main Street through Franklin Street to Haverhill Street, thence through Haverhill Street to its junction with Wakefield Street, thence through Wakefield Street to Pearl Street," or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year.

Art. 11. To determine the compensation of the Collector.

Art. 12. To see what instructions the Town will give the Board of Selectmen in relation to filling the vacancies on the Appropriation Committee of the five members whose terms expire this year.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the purpose of furnishing electricity for lighting Grand Army Hall on Haven Street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the

sum of fifteen hundred and twenty dollars to meet the interest on School House Bonds, and appropriate the unexpended balance of twenty dollars in interest on School House Bond Account of 1899, to pay one coupon remaining unpaid December 31, 1899.

Art. 15. To see what action the Town will take in relation to the Town Building on Pleasant Street, the report of the Selectmen on said addition having been referred to this meeting by the Special Meeting of July 17, 1899.

Art. 16. To see what action the Town will take to meet payment of School House note for two thousand dollars, due May 1, 1900.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred and twenty dollars to meet the interest on the School House Notes.

Art. 18. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purchase of fire hose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to make the necessary repairs on their steam fire engine, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will erect and maintain a fire alarm box and connections at the junction of Main, Mill and Pearl Streets, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will build an addition to the Town Building on Pleasant Street to be used for Fire Department purposes, as recommended by the Board of Engineers, and give notes of the Town for the payment of same, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will change the name of that part of Parker Street, running from the easterly end of Haven Street to John Street, to Haven Street.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will appropriate the unexpended

balance ($262.36) of the street railway franchise and excise tax for the construction, repair and maintenance of the public ways and removal of snow therefrom.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars, unexpended balance of Howard Place appropriation, for the payment of amount due L. G. Howard, account land damages.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars to complete the repairs on Haven Street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars to complete the construction of Grand Street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-six hundred dollars for the support of the Police Department for the ensuing year, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars to construct a sidewalk on the easterly and southerly sides of Walnut Street, beginning at the junction of Walnut Street and Summer Avenue, and continuing on said Walnut Street to the intersection of Hopkins Street, and thence on either side of Hopkins Street to school house on said street, or what they they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will instruct the Board of Assessors to print the valuation list of 1900, and raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the payment of the same.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will change the name of that part of Main Street extending from Pleasant street to the North Reading line to Andover Road, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 31. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars to build a band stand on the Common, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 32. To see what action the Town will take on the proposition of the Peoples Gas and Electric Company, to sell to the Town of Reading for nine thousand dollars that part of their plant and franchise which they claim to have in the Town of Reading.

Art. 33. To see if the Town will instruct the Overseers of the Poor to employ a Town Physician at a stated salary, the expense to be charged to the regular appropriations, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 34. To hear and act on the report of the committee appointed at Special Meeting of July 17, 1899, to consider the purchase of the Old South Church property.

Art. 35. To see what instructions the Town will give the Selectmen in the suit of Grace McKay against the Town.

Art. 36. To see what instructions the Town will give the Selectmen in the suit of Margaret Allen against the Town.

Art. 37. To see what instructions the Town will give the Selectmen in the claim of Willard Welsh against the Town.

Art. 38. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of ninety dollars for the purpose of erecting an arc light at the corner of Bancroft and Middlesex Avenues, or what they will will do in relation thereto.

Art. 39. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of erecting an arc light at the corner of Curtis and South Streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 40. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of erecting an arc light on Mineral Street, east of and near to the Boston and Maine Railroad bridge, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 41. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of erecting an arc light on Main Street, equally distant from Summer Avenue and Hopkins Street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 42. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the

sum of one hundred dollars to extend the sidewalk on the Northerly side of Lowell Street, commencing at the land of Charles A. Damon and extending in an Easterly direction to Highland Street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 43. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen on the laying out of the private way known as Hartshorn Street, running in a northerly direction from the northerly side of Lowell Street, east of Grove Street, to lands of M. B. Hartshorn, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose.

Art. 44. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen on the laying out of the private way known as Thorndike Street, running in an easterly direction from Pearl Street to its junction with the private way known as Spring Street, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for that purpose.

Art. 45. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen on the laying out of the private way known as Spring Street, running in a northerly direction from Orange Street to its junction with the private way known as Thorndike Street, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for that purpose.

Art. 46. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen in relation to guide posts, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty dollars for the repair of the same.

Art. 47. To see if the Town will revise and accept the list of names of jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this 6th day of February, A.D. 1900.

GEO. A. SHACKFORD,
WM. I. RUGGLES,
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,
Selectmen of Reading.

LIST OF NAMES FOR JURORS.

The subscribers, Selectmen of Reading, present the following list of persons, who, in their judgment, are qualified to serve as jurors:

Austin, Oliver W., hotel keeper
Bancroft, Lewis M., superintend't
Bancroft, Frederick, broker
Bartley, Francis, merchant
Batchelder, Howard W., farmer
Bacheller, Warren A., carpenter
Beasley, George, farmer
Beasley, Geo. W., organ pipe m'r
Black, Frank K., builder
Bosson, Harry P., insurance agt.
Broad, Nathaniel W., carpenter
Brown, Joseph H., laborer
Bessom, Charles F., farmer
Canty, Daniel T., cabinet maker
Canty, John D., mason
Chase, John E., carpenter
Davis, Arthur E., retired
Davis, Wm. Wallace, auctioneer
DeRonde, John D., laborer
Eames, Leonard T., teamster
Eaton, John H., carpenter
Eaton, Waldo F., organ pipe m'r
Emerson, Arthur G., superintend't
Flint, George L., carpenter
Gould, Theodore F., laborer
Goodwin, Edwin H., organ pipe m'r
Gordon, Arthur D., shoe dealer
Horrocks, Geo. E., real estate agt.
Howard, Luther G., real estate
Jackson, Chas. A., organ pipe m'r
Kidder, William, carpenter
Kinsley, W. S., real estate agent
Krook, Lambertus W., cabinet m'r
Krook, Matthys H., cabinet m'r
Kimball, Charles D., machinist
LaClair, Henry S., farmer
Moulton, Wilder C., milk dealer
McCrum, David, machinist
Merrill, Clarence E., conductor
Milbury, Ora L., foreman
Oakes, George F., engineer
Ordway, Orville O., blacksmith
Oliver, Alfred L., laborer
Pratt, Harland P., silk cutter
Parker, Horace A., cabinet maker
Parker, Fred A., laundryman
Parker, Harrison H., org'n pipe m'r
Prentiss, W. S., freight agent
Richardson, Henry M., shoework'r
Stinchfield, Charles H., machinist
Sargent, George A., shoeworker
Smith, Benjamin Y., organ pipe m'r
Swain, Charles H., shoeworker
Temple, Joseph S., neck-tie man'r
Temple, David C., carpenter
Warren, Chas. E., organ pipe m'r
Weston, Granville S., printer
Wyman, Fernando D., shoew'kr
Whelton, John H., machinist
Wight, Ephraim, carpenter

GEO. A. SHACKFORD,
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Selectmen of Reading.

READING, MASS., Feb. 17, 1900.